

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)**  
**August 2, 2012**

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 27 adults, 4 junior herpers, and 1 baby herper. Jean Burt read the minutes from the May 2012 meeting. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$884.80 as of August 2, 2012.

Old Business

Scott thanked Jaci Fischer and Fred Yost for hosting the annual pot luck on July 7.

July 14: Scott represented NMHS with a presentation at the Elena Gallegos Open Space amphitheater, attended by 84 people (21 children). Scott thanked Rebecca, Logan, August, and Nancy for their help.

Scott also presented at the Rio Grande Nature Center Junior Ranger Program. He provided information on New Mexico herps to junior-high age rangers on the following dates:

- June 14
- June 28
- July 12
- August 2

Scott will make the appropriate contacts regarding the availability of Bill Love to teach a photo workshop in ABQ to NMHS members or to speak at our Holiday banquet.

Jaci reported that there is a new inventory of glow-in-the-dark NMHS t-shirts. They will sell for \$12.00 each. Garth will count the current inventory.

New Business

Scott's contact, who has at the ranch outside of Junction, Texas, suggested the following dates for NMHS to conduct a reptile survey on her ranch.

- October 5-8, 2012 (Columbus Day weekend)
- January 18-21, 2013
- February 15-18, 2013
- March 1-4, 2013

NMHS members could stay at the ranch house. Scott mentioned that a 3-day weekend might be best due to the travel time involved. If interested let Scott know.

Upcoming Events – Contact Scott if interested in exhibiting at any of these

August 10      Bioblitz, Sandia Mountain History Museum – let Scott know if you are interested

August 25      Wildlife West

August 25      Santa Ana Pueblo Earth Day (exhibit lizards, turtles, toads – no snakes)

August 30      Sandia Pueblo Earth Day (will provide Powdrell's BBQ)

September 8-9 Dragonfly Festival at Bitterlake National Wildlife Refuge (to be discussed at September meeting)

October 13      Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge

Members discussed the possibility of a Labor Day Trip. After several places were suggested and zero interest expressed, it was decided there will be no Labor Day Trip.

Scott reported that NMHS is still conducting surveys at Sandia Pueblo every Tuesday and Saturday through October 31.

Valerie is looking for a home for a 5 ft female iguana.

Scott asked Dr. Bill Degenhardt to check on the availability of any additional books.

Alf and Lisa are looking for a female box turtle.

Josh Emms reported that the reptile house at the ABQ Biopark is now open. The amphibian house will be opening August 5. August is working on setting up a behind the scenes tour for NMHS members.

After a break for snacks, members enjoyed a presentation by Devadatta Naik, Senior Naturalist, Swa Swara, Senior Field Researcher, Herpactive. Dev was invited here by Charlie Painter. Dev's presentation was "Biodiversity of India, Emphasizing on Snakes."

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS