

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
September 6, 2012

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 18 adults and 2 junior herpers. Jean Burt read the minutes from the August 2012 meeting. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$934.80 as of September 6, 2012.

Old Business

Scott thanked the following members for representing NMHS at educational exhibits:

- August, Nancy, Josh, Nikki, and Scott at the August 10 Bioblitz, Sandia Mountain History Museum – Charlie Painter led two hikes. The area is open to the public the first Sunday of each month – Scott is looking into a NMHS survey of the area; one possibility is conducting a survey on Saturday, then displaying critters to the public on Sunday.
- Jerry, August, Nancy, Josh, and Nikki at the August 25 Wildlife West Harvest Festival – Jerry reported that more than 200 people came through the exhibit. He also mentioned that the founder of Wildlife West, Roger Alink, would be a good speaker for a NMHS function and reported that an exhibit visitor asked for information on relocating a rattlesnake. August provided detailed instruction on how to capture and relocate. Jerry suggested that NMHS have business cards available at our public outreach programs.
- Cosmos and Ted at the August 25 Santa Ana Pueblo Earth Day – Cosmos reported that approximately 80 people came through this exhibit. He proudly modeled the t-shirt that he earned for his participation.
- Cosmos and Ted at the August 31 Sandia Environmental Day – Food was provided by Powdrell'

New Business and Upcoming Events

Members discussed the date and location for the holiday banquet and voted on Saturday, December 8 at Garcia's on Central. Bob Meyers will check the date of the Old Town Holiday Stroll and Jaci will contact Garcia's. Bob agreed to again host the cocktail hour at the Rattlesnake Museum. Potential speakers include Bill Love (with a possible afternoon photography workshop), Dr. Brady Barr (Scott will approach him at the Dragonfly Festival), and Dr. Valerie Clark (who spoke to the group in February).

Let Scott know if you are interested in participating in any of the following upcoming events:

September 8-9	Dragonfly Festival at Bitterlake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)
October 13	Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge
November 17-18	Festival of the Cranes at the Bosque del Apache NWR

Scott was contacted by Sandy Jackson of the Rio Grande Turtle and Tortoise Club regarding homes needed for a desert tortoise and a red-footed tortoise. Josh will advertise these on list serve.

After a break to enjoy goodies, the group was entertained by a 1988 video on Cane Toads in Australia. An update produced in 2010 will be viewed at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS