

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
October 4, 2012

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 12 adults and 1 baby herper. Jean Burt read the minutes from the September 2012 meeting. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$898.80 as of October 4, 2012.

Old Business

Scott reported that he, Gabriel, Dave, and Jean represented NMHS at the Dragonfly Festival at Bitterlake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) on September 8-9. Visitors numbered approximately 500-600 on Saturday and 200-300 on Sunday. The NMHS representatives had the opportunity to talk and take photos with Dr. Brady Barr, the featured speaker at the festival. Scott explored the possibility of NMHS bringing Dr. Barr to speak at one of our functions, but the cost is prohibitive for this group.

Ted Brown reported that Jaci Fischer reserved Garcia's on Central for the NMHS holiday banquet to be held on December 8. Bob Meyers will again host the cocktail hour at the Rattlesnake Museum. Potential speakers include Dr. Valerie Clark, Bill Love, biopark curators/caretakers, Carl Franklin (University of Arlington), Bob Ashley, Ann Christman (US Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque), and Pat Spain of Beastly Encounters. Scott will print forms for the silent auction.

Scott reported on the status of the tortoises discussed at the September meeting – The desert tortoise will be kept until spring by the owner. Although there was interest expressed in the red-footed tortoise, the owner never responded.

New Business and Upcoming Events

October 13	Sevilleta NWR
October 22	Southwest PARC in Las Vegas
November 17-18	Festival of the Cranes at the Bosque del Apache NWR
November	Wildlife Center in Los Alamos (Scott will be presenting)

Ted and Sue presented at Villanueva State Park on September 15, 2012 – 40-50 people attended.

Scott suggested Steve Carey as a future speaker.

Scott reported the following:

- The Venom Conference has been postponed until next year
- There is a Sulcata tortoise in need of a home
- We have a good supply of t-shirts and books for the Sevilleta and Festival of the Cranes
- Lisa has purchased used herp-related books at the library; they will be available for the auction
- Scott has more donated turtle figurines to offer in the silent auction.

Ted reported on his and Sue's trip to South Dakota and shared a glance at books purchased, "Wildflowers of the Western Plains" and "Guide and Reference to Snakes of North America."

Members enjoyed a video provided by Josh and Nikki Emms, "Where did the Horny Toad Go?"

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS