

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
November 1, 2012

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 19 adults and 1 baby herper. Jean Burt read the minutes from the October 2012 meeting. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$927.09 as of today.

Old Business

Scott reported that he, Josh, Nikki, and Chloe Emms; August Breithaupt and Nancy Bush represented NMHS at an educational display at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) on October 13. There were approximately 45-50 visitors. There were speakers throughout the day and drawing contests for 4th – 6th graders.

Scott had the opportunity to talk with representatives from other entities about the possibility of NMHS performing surveys next summer and spring at the Whitfield Wildlife Center (near Los Lunas) and at the Camino Real National Monument (south of San Antonio).

Gabriel suggested the Gila National Forest for a future NMHS field trip, based on his experience during a recent weekend visit.

Scott reported that due to a death at the Pueblo, the closing of traps will be rescheduled to November 10 at 9:00 a.m. NMHS will leave two traps open in each section – the Sandia Environment Department will check those through the winter months.

New Business and Upcoming Events

Jaci Fischer reported that the Holiday banquet will be held December 8, 2012 at Garcia's on Central. We will rent both rooms for \$75. Members discussed the menu and decided on a per person cost of \$13.75 plus tax and tip. Jaci will ask the price for adding a third entrée. Bob Meyers has again offered to host the cocktail hour at the Rattlesnake Museum. Talks are underway with the proposed banquet speaker, Bill Love, wildlife/reptile photographer. Negotiations include the possibility of Bill conducting a photography workshop using non-venemous animals; a location for the workshop is being explored. Additionally, a possible behind the scenes tour at the Reptile House is being discussed with Doug Hotle. Josh will send out e-mails with additional information as he receives it from Scott. NMHS will pay for the speaker's meals and hotel room and a speaker fee of \$100.00.

Members discussed the upcoming educational event (November 17-18) at the Bosque del Apache NWR Festival of the Cranes. Josh will coordinate through e-mail with those attending to ensure adequate representation of critters being displayed; we will set up tattoos and toys for donations; and books and t-shirts will be available. Ted will contact the appropriate refuge representative to ensure that we can set up early.

Scott will present at the Pajarito Nature Center in Los Alamos on December 2, and in coordination with Lynn Schueler, Zane Dohner/Cosmos will be speaking to a class and presenting photos from the Sandia Pueblo surveys. Lynn has asked that live animals be included in the presentation. Cosmos asked for a member to join him and provide animals.

Lisa Reeb has purchased 32 books from the Albuquerque public library sales to be auctioned off at the NMHS silent auction. Members discussed modifying the silent auction form to have a minimum bid or offering a set amount to purchase outright or perhaps offering a combination of the two. Scott will modify the form.

Ted Brown announced individuals nominated for officer positions for the 2013 calendar year:

President	Scott Bulgrin and August Breithaupt
Vice President	Nancy Bush
Secretary	Jean Burt
Treasurer	Garth Graves
Editor	Josh Emms
Parliamentarian	Dr. Bill Degenhardt

Josh will send out the ballot via e-mail. Members can e-mail their completed ballots to Ted or bring them to the meeting. Following a discussion on whether e-mail votes are allowed under the Constitution, Dr. Degenhardt determined that it is considered "mail" which is allowed in the by-laws.

Next year will be the 50th Anniversary of NMHS. Cosmos is looking to members to assist in documenting the celebration by providing written memories or old photos/slides. He volunteered to compile the submittals. Scott asked all to write on the topic, "Why You Joined the NMHS" and include information such as how long you have been in NMHS or share an experience. Josh will create a place on the web site for posting submittals.

Sue Brown suggested developing a "50 Years of NMHS" CD with pictures, videos, narrations, and interviews. This could be sold for \$5.00. Josh offered to compile this CD. Members will discuss more at the January meeting.

Members enjoyed a variety of cookies and the conclusion of 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