

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
January 3, 2013

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 17 adults, 1 junior herper, 1 baby herper. Jean Burt read the November 2012 meeting minutes. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$2151.68.

Old Business

Scott reported on the NMHS Holiday banquet and related activities. Approximately 25 people attended a "Behind the Scenes Tours" of the Reptile and Amphibian Buildings at the ABQ BioPark. Nine people attended a photo workshop provided by Bill Love at the Botanical Garden farm house. Bill Love was the speaker at the banquet that evening which followed the traditional cocktail hour at the Rattlesnake Museum. Most of the books purchased for the silent auction from the ABQ public library were sold. The trial "Buy Now" option on the auction form was not successful. The remaining books will be placed on the website "Classified" section. Alf Reeb suggested offering the books at our educational exhibits. This idea was well received; books will be available along with other donation items in the future.

December 2 - Scott reported that he, Logan, and Aaron represented NMHS at an educational display at the Pajarito Nature Center in Los Alamos. There were approximately 61 visitors.

December 17 - Zane Dohner/Cosmos spoke to 62 MESA students at Lynn Schueler's request; he presented photos from the Sandia Pueblo surveys. Lynn and Zane thanked Bob Meyers for providing animals for the presentation.

Scott made the following motions:

- To sponsor two animals at the Rattlesnake Museum. The majority voted yes.
- To reimburse Bob Meyers \$50 for cocktail hour expenses. The majority voted yes.
- To reimburse those who attended the Festival of the Cranes at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge as follows: \$50.00 for the couples who spent two days at the festival and \$25.00 for couples who participated for one day. The majority voted yes.

New Business and Upcoming Events

February 17 Scott will be presenting to a Sunday school youth activity group at the Unitarian Church.

February 7-9 Scott will be attending the annual conference of the Arizona/New Mexico Chapters of the Wildlife Society in ABQ. He will be on the lookout for potential future speakers for NMHS meetings.

Scott has invited the following individuals to speak at future NMHS meetings:

- Michelle Christman of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (possibly March). Topic: Chiricahua Leopard Frog
- Dr. Scott Altenbach of UNM. Topic: Bat Research
- One of Scott's EPA contacts (A doctorate in Herpetology).

The discussion continued related to celebration ideas for the 50th Anniversary of NMHS. Josh will compile a DVD from photos and write-ups submitted by members. All members are asked to contribute a paragraph or more (or a recorded narration) on why we joined NMHS, or relating an event or incident.

Members enjoyed a variety of cookies and a 2009 video update on the Australian Cane Toads.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS