

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
February 7, 2013

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 23 adults, 3 junior herpers, 1 toddler herper. Jean Burt read the January 2013 meeting minutes. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$1473.64.

Old Business

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

Scott reported that he will compile lists of the books that Lisa Reeb purchases from the public library. Josh Emms will send Scott's compiled lists to members, giving us a first chance to purchase the books. Books not sold to members will be listed on the NMHS web site available to all. NMHS will have some of these books available with other donation items at outreach events.

Ted Brown reported that Vice-President Nancy Bush had requested a copy of the NMHS Constitution. Ted distributed copies to interested members, including Nancy.

Ted has compiled data from the 2012 NMHS surveys at Sandia Pueblo and will submit the data to Scott.

New Business and Upcoming Events

February 17 Scott will be presenting to a Sunday school youth activity group of approximately 6-8 children at the Unitarian Church.

March 16-17 NMHS is again invited to Dog Canyon Experience at Oliver Lee State Park. Five members present volunteered to attend, display critters, and enjoy free camping.

May 17-18 BioBlitz 2013 at Sandia Mountain Natural History Center, Cedar Crest

Scott was contacted by the woman who previously donated turtle figurines to NMHS; she now has turtle books to donate (some are scientific books).

Josh Emms suggested a potluck to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of NMHS in October 2013. The CD/DVD being produced will be debuted at that time and available for sale. Josh offered the training room at his workplace (2nd Street and Montano) as the venue for the potluck to be held on a Saturday in the afternoon/evening timeframe. Members present approved the motion.

Scott again requested photos/slides, written memories, and audio/video recordings for the 50th Anniversary CD/DVD. He requested that members send these to Scott and Josh by the end of July. Josh will bring his camera (with recording capabilities) to future meetings to record anyone interested.

News items were discussed – including the Python hunt in the Everglades.

Travis volunteered to show his digital photos of his recent trip to Indonesia and Australia.

We will discuss ideas for the Memorial Day field trip at the March meeting, narrow it down to 2 or 3 locations at that time, and make a decision on the field trip location by the April meeting. Dave Burt and Ted will coordinate the compilation of a list of field trip ideas to be discussed at the March meeting.

Members enjoyed cookies before Scott's presentation on his July 2012 trip to Pittsburgh.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS