

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
May 2, 2013

Departing from our regular schedule, the May guest presentation was held prior to the business meeting. Esther Nelson, wildlife biologist and Regional Reptile/Amphibian Coordinator with the U.S. Forest Service presented information on Forest Service programs in the southwest region. Projects include the boreal toad repatriation in the Carson National Forest, Jemez Mountain Salamander in the Santa Fe National Forest, surveys for narrow-headed garter snakes in the Gila, Save the Frogs Day, habitat management guidelines, and general conservation in Arizona and New Mexico forests. Esther mentioned that Larry Jones provides excellent presentations. Scott Bulgrin will contact Larry as a potential speaker at a future NMHS meeting.

Following a break, President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 24 adults, 1 toddler and 1 junior herper. Jean Burt read the April 2013 meeting minutes. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$1243.73.

Old Business

Scott reported on the BEMP student congress held on 4/25/2013 at Las Golondrinas and 4/26/2013 at the Bosque School. Scott, Tom Eichhorst, and Jerry Tuttle represented NMHS at this annual outreach event. In Albuquerque, approximately 240 junior high students and 45 adults attended.

Scott reported that NMHS members set traps for our survey on the Sandia Pueblo on Saturday, April 27, 2013 and observed several lizards and (near the B8 funnel trap) a prairie rattlesnake. As in past years, the traps will be checked every Tuesday and Saturday morning. Those who wish to participate meet at 8:45 a.m. at Scott's office building, the Pueblo Environment department.

Scott and Logan Bulgrin represented NMHS on May 1 at the Santa Clara Pueblo Environmental Day and displayed snakes. Approximately 150 people visited the exhibit.

Josh and Nikki Emms and Zane/Cosmos Dohner represented NMHS at the Sandia Pueblo Earth Day and Health Fair.

Upcoming Events

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| May 8 | Jerry Tuttle will present at Mark Twain Middle School |
| May 16 | Jerry will present at Kennedy Middle School |
| May 17 | Bioblitz at the Sandia Mountain Natural History Center, Cedar Crest |
| May 18 | Jerry will present at Monte Vista Elementary School |
| May 25-27 | Memorial Day Field Trip – members voted on the Upper/Lower Gallinas Campground |
| June 15 | Wildlife West – Outreach Opportunity |
| June 30 | Nature Hike at the ABQ Open Space near Tingley Beach led by Scott Bulgrin |
| July 20 | Annual NMHS Potluck – at the home of Jaci Fischer and Fred Yost |
| June | Scott will speak at Los Griegos Library on the Herps of New Mexico |
| August | Scott will speak at the Esther Bone Library in Rio Rancho on New Mexico turtles |

Shonda Greeder presented photos of posters presented by students at UNM Research Day. She and Garth Graves attended.

New Business

Ted Brown distributed a map for the Upper and Lower Gallinas Campgrounds in the Gila National Forest. He also distributed the survey from the 2007 field trip.

Jerry Tuttle received a note from Roger at Wildlife West inviting NMHS members to display herp information at their Wildlife Festival on June 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Participating NMHS members will get a \$5.00 discount for the chuck wagon dinner. Josh will post this information on the web site. Josh asked Jerry if it would be possible for members to camp at the facility the night before or after. Jerry will inquire.

Jerry thanked Scott and Bob Myers for their letters of recommendation, enabling his approval as a qualified expert. He is now permitted for the grey banded king snake, beaded lizard, and Gila monster.

Scott reported that the SWPARC meeting will be held in Albuquerque in July; Scott will find out if NMHS can set up a booth or poster at the meeting.

Members discussed newspaper articles, other news items.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS