

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

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 23 adults, 1 junior herper, and 1 toddler. Scott read the October 2013 meeting minutes that he took due to Jean Burt's absence. Garth Graves reported a bank balance of \$985.54.

Old Business

- October 5      Jesus Rivas, an expert on anacondas, presented to NMHS members and nonmembers at the Albuquerque BioPark Colores Education Building.
- October 8      Scott presented to students at Coronado Elementary School; Logan Bulgrin assisted.
- October 19     Members celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NMHS with a pot luck at the Preventive Pest Control training room. Josh previewed the anniversary DVD at this event and will have copies of the DVD available for purchase (\$10.00 each) at the holiday banquet. Scott thanked Josh for a job "well done" on the DVD and for providing the room for the anniversary pot luck.
- November 2    Members closed the survey traps on Sandia Pueblo, leaving a few open for winter surveys by environmental staff. Ted Brown submitted invoices to Scott, and Scott will send survey sheets to Ted. Scott thanked all who participated this year. Next year, traps will be in the same location and might move north the following year.

Upcoming Events and New Business

- November 23-24      Festival of the Cranes at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) – Exhibit hours are Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Nonprofit groups can sell merchandise, donation jars are acceptable. Scott reported that in addition to the usual items offered for a donation, NMHS will have a box of books available at \$2.00 a book. Members discussed the number of tables needed (10 to 12), the type of critters to bring for "diversity," and the importance of keeping venomous critters locked in their enclosures and not bringing them out.
- December 14        NMHS Holiday Banquet will be held at Garcia's on Central with the same menu as last year. Bob Myers will again host the pre-banquet social from 5:30 to 6:30, and members should plan to arrive at Garcia's by approximately 6:45 to eat at 7:00 p.m. Jaci Fischer will contact Garcia's to confirm the time and to obtain the banquet price per person. The guest speaker will be Dr. Dante Fenolio, current manager of Conservation and Research at the San Antonio Zoo. Members should bring items for the silent auction and can print the form off the web site before the banquet/auction.

Bob Myers announced that he and Lorraine will be getting married on November 24 at a small ceremony for family and friends.

Ted announced that Garth and Jean will no longer be serving as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Ted asked for nominations or volunteers from those present. Letitia Pierce volunteered to serve as Treasurer and Zane/Cosmos Dohner volunteered to serve as Secretary. Ted stated that other members interested in volunteering for office should contact him. Josh will send out or post the ballot on the web

site. Members are asked to print and complete the ballot and bring it to the banquet. Members briefly discussed problems associated with the current checking account and ideas for resolving them.

The refreshment break was followed by a spectacular photo presentation by Bill Gorham on his reptile and birding adventures in 2013.

Scott mentioned that he has various aquariums and terrariums for sale.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean S. Burt, Secretary, NMHS