

NMHS Approved Meeting Minutes

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New Mexico Herpetological Society

September 3, 2015

We convened at the American International Rattlesnake Museum in Old Town Albuquerque

Scott Bulgrin presided over our meeting which began at 7:12 PM and was attended by 10 guests including a toddler and a child herpers.

Scott asked Cosmos to read the Secretary's Report which were the NMHS Draft Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2015. These were approved and accepted by members present only after our Secretary's confused combination of different reports of legal problems involving 1) a monitor, 2) a Red-footed Tortoise and 3) a Tegu were separated and explained in detail thanks to Josh, Scott and two of our guests, the owners of the Tegu.

Scott asked our Treasurer for the latest financial report. Letitia reported that a balance of \$2,888.43 is in our NMHS checking account. The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted by members present.

OLD BUSINESS

August 8 Memorial Tribute to New Mexico Herpetologist Charlie Painter, "Celebrate Charlie," was held at Old Town Farm in Albuquerque. 200 guests were there.

NMHS Outreach

August 15 and 16 Outdoor Expo was held at Shooting Range Park in far west Albuquerque by our New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Daniel Carroll and Jerry Tuttle brought their herps. Kevin Halladay of the Department said that 2,000 people came on Saturday, even more on Sunday. The Department had a table with hand-outs including one on legal requirements of importance to herpers.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial tribute plaque honoring Charlie Painter. Bob Myers told us that he had ordered the plaque which will be displayed with the New Mexico Milksnake in the American International Rattlesnake Museum.

NMHS Outreach

September 11 and 12 Bitter Lakes NWR near Roswell, NM. Scott, Jerry and Daniel will be there to display and present. The Dragonfly Festival takes place on Sunday the 12th.

September 26 Valle de Oro NWR 3rd Anniversary Celebration in south Albuquerque. Scott will be there.

October 24 Corrales Senior Center. Scott will put on the program.

November 8 Las Vegas NWR located east of Las Vegas, NM. Scott will do a program there.

November 21 and 22 Festival of the Cranes at Socorro, NM in the Visitor's Center. School teacher Lynn Schuler has asked to have a table near NMHS for her MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement) students display of their bosque biological research.

October 31 Sandia Pueblo Survey. We will close the traps.

November 1 Valle de Oro NWR. We will close the traps.

Scott said that he had gotten a call from a researcher, an ex-Marine, who requested a list of all past Presidents of NMHS. Our Secretary offered to look at past issues of our NMHS Newsletters and come up with that list.

September 5, 6 and 7 NMHS Labor Day Field Trip. We cancelled because of lack of interest.

Patricio Maher had reserved a cabin in Arizona for an outing in the Chiricahua Mountains but cancelled because his daughter Lily had an accident. Our Vice-President Patricio is taking a class on Thursday evenings and will not be at our meetings during the fall semester.

Scott asked Josh to add an "In Remembrance" folder to our website. Scott will ask Lorie for photos of Charlie.

Scott announced that several funds have been set up in Charlie Painter's honor and memory.

NMHS December Banquet. Will it be on December 12th? At Church Street Café? Who will be our presenter?

Bill Degenhardt said that we should have a local speaker.

Daniel said he will find out if Brendan O'Connor or Michael Price (of the West Texas Herpetological Society) is interested in presenting at our December Banquet. Scott said that NMHS will pay for the presenter's travel and stipend.

Cosmos suggested that the December Banquet be devoted to a tribute to Bill Degenhardt, complete with photos and audio recordings of his oral history. Letitia suggested that it include a tribute to Ted Brown.

Someone suggested that we ask the new Curator of Reptiles at our BioPark to be the presenter.

Jerry said that he can get Hinkle Family Fun Center gift certificates to give away at the display at Bitter Lakes NWR. Jerry and Scott will present at 6:30 PM.

Back to September 26th at Valle de Oro NWR. Scott said NMHS will set up under a tent and that he, Jerry and Daniel will be there with plenty of herps to show.

Valle de Oro NWR Survey. Daniel reported that traps have yielded beetles, wolf spiders, whiptails. Trap #4 is especially productive. He and Garth Graves have seen Bullsnares, gartersnares, toads and lots of birds.

Bosque School in Albuquerque. Jerry said that the survey to be conducted by senior Claire Wilkins, titled "High school students attitude change with the presence of snakes in education programs," will be helped along by a 10-year old girl who is really into handling snakes.

October in Alamagordo, NM. Jerry will put on a program.

November Curator's Coffee at the NM Museum of Natural History and Science. Jerry will put on a program complete with PowerPoint presentation and herps for 15 people.

October Ted Brown and our planning committee will come up with ballots for nominating our officers.

PROGRAM

Scott was ready at 8:19 to show slides and talk about herps of Minnesota. Instead he decided to put it off and present in October to a larger audience.

BREAKTIME

We mingled. A guest, Lize Brown, introduced herself, said she is a frog biologist, has come from South Africa, said she could put on a program for us.

Our Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

These NMHS Meeting Minutes are submitted by Secretary Cosmos.

Thank you very much Bob and Lorraine Myers for hosting us in your American International Rattlesnake Museum.

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- [JERRY TUTTLE Owner](#) Sep 14 at 1:03 PM

To Zane Dohner

This is how it should read:

"A new experiment: "Changing perceptions of High School Seniors about Snakes" begun in 2014 for 4th and 5th graders will be continued for high school students in several High schools in Albuquerque.

A Bosque High School Senior girl is conducting this experiment for 2015-2016.

Jerry Tuttle is volunteering his time and animals for this. If any other member of the Herp Society wants to help contact Jerry at 247-0368"

- [JERRY TUTTLE Owner](#) Sep 14 at 1:03 PM

To Zane Dohner

October 1, 2015 2:39 PM

Spent a good part of last week in the hospital..... but got myself going enough to do 2 program at Bosque school about Gila monsters and beaded lizards... do yesterday and today. High School age kids -about 15 of them.

Won't be there tonight... more aches

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**Curator's Coffee --"Legendary Lizards"**

**Thursday, November 19, 9:30 AM to Thursday, November 19, 11:00 AM**

**Classroom 3**

Jerry Tuttle, Museum Naturalist Center Consultant and Volunteer, NM State Game and Fish designated "Qualified Expert

Come see and hear about America's most legendary lizard - the Gila Monster and its south American cousin the Mexican Beaded Lizard. Hear why they call them living fossils, the American Indian traditions and beliefs, the history and truths behind their legend, and medicinal uses of their venom. Meet a Gila Monster face-to-face.

Jerry Tuttle is a NM State Game and Fish designated "Qualified Expert" and former Public Information Officer for the City of Albuquerque's Animal Services. He works with the Museum Naturalist Center and its animals and is the founder of Zoo Crew Kids of Character. He invites all to visit [www.zoocrewkids.blogspot.com](http://www.zoocrewkids.blogspot.com)

Held at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science 1801 Mountain Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104 • (505) 841-2800 Visit: [www.nmnaturalhistory.org](http://www.nmnaturalhistory.org)

Pre-registration required. Limit 15 participants. Purchase in advance online to guarantee your seats, go to [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com). Online Curators Coffee ticket sales stop Midnight, 12:00 am, the morning of the event.

The New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science reserves the right to cancel any event that does not reach a minimum of 6 participants.

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Somewhat. Very. Extremely. How likely is it that 2015 will be the new warmest year on record?

NOAA Climate.gov - 2 days ago