

NMHS Draft Meeting Minutes

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New Mexico Herpetological Society

November 5, 2015

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

President Scott Bulgrin presided over our meeting which began at 7:07 PM and was attended by 19 guests including a toddler and child herpers.

Scott asked Secretary Cosmos to read the Draft Minutes of our last Meeting held on October 1, 2015. These were approved with minor corrections by members present.

Scott asked Treasurer Letitia Peirce to report as to the financial condition of NMHS. Letitia reported a balance of \$5864.32 in the bank checking account. Her Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted by members present.

OLD BUSINESS

November 3 Coronado State Park near Bernalillo. Josh Emms told us that he had displayed his snakes, lizards and frogs. Some JROTC kids helped him set up underneath the canopy. Several hundred visitors attended.

November 4 Seven Bar Elementary School. Josh said that he brought California Kingsnake, Desert Kingsnake, Milksnake and Cornsnake into the classroom. Some kids ended up against the wall. The other rushed the snake and Josh so he made the rule to take the snake to the kids.

October 8 Scott put on a program for 10 Boy Scouts, 2 parents and one merit badge counselor in Den #293 in northeast Albuquerque. They are working on their merit badges and must take care of a herp for one month.

October 24 at the Corrales Senior Center. Scott put on a program for 14 adults. The elderly lady who set it up told Scott that he had put on the best presentation she had ever seen. Josh added that all of the seniors are on drugs.

October 31 (Saturday) Sandia Pueblo's bajada. We () uncovered the pitfall traps and removed the tops from our survey site.

November 1 (Sunday) Valle de Oro NWR in south Albuquerque. Lynn Schuler and Garth Graves uncovered and removed the tops from the six pitfall traps.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Tuttle announced that Monique White is being trained by Letitia Main to be the new Permit Officer within the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Monique will assume the position on January 1, 2016. Jerry offered to forward email addresses of NMHS members to Monique.

November 19 New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque. Jerry Tuttle will put on a program for the Director and 15 of his guests about the Gila Monster which has been included

in the spiritual observances and superstitions of First Nations people in North and Central Americas including Navajo, Yaqui and Seri Apaches. Jerry will talk about the medical applications of their venom in treating patients with Parkinson's Disease, schizophrenia, Alzheimer's Disease, Type II diabetes and in killing the small cells in gastric and lung cancers.

November 8 (Sunday) Visitor Center at the Las Vegas NWR located near Las Vegas, New Mexico. Scott will put on two programs.

November 21 and 22 Festival of the Cranes at the Bosque de Apache NWR south of Socorro, New Mexico. NMHS along with Truman Middle School of Albuquerque will have tables in the the firehouse west of the Visitor Center. Display hours will from 9 AM to 4 PM on both days. Ted Brown asked exhibitors to limit their displays to four or five containers. He said that there will be more signage this year. Josh said that he will post more instructions on our NMHS website and email them to members.

December 12 American International Rattlesnake Museum will host a mixer for us from 5:30 to 6:30 PM
December 12 Church Street Café' in Old Town Albuquerque will be site for our December Banquet dinner plus program from 7 to 10 PM. Scott said that he had given a deposit of \$400 to Church Street Café'. He announced that items are needed for the silent auction at our Banquet. Also, that checks will be handed out to surveyors and that NMHS membership dues will be accepted.

Sue Brown asked for a copy of our NMHS Membership list so that she and Jaci Fischer can telephone the invitation to our Banquet.

Scott said that he already had talked up the Banquet to employees at Clark's Pets and also will invite zoo people. Josh said that he will put together a flyer. Bill Degenhardt said that he will post a flyer in the Biology Department at the University of New Mexico. Letitia offered to notify the BioPark Society. The room we will be in at the Café' holds 70 people.

Scott suggested that our Society raise funds by offering pint drinking glasses with a black line drawing of the NMHS logo for a donation of \$4. 72 glasses cost \$220. Per unit cost is \$3.05.

Bill Degenhardt made the motion to write a check to Bob Myers: \$75 for foods and drinks to be served at our December Social hour in his Rattlesnake Museum.

Guest Karen Waterfall introduced herself. She and husband came from Indianapolis, Indiana and she is Assistant Curator at Albuquerque's Aquarium. She said that she could put on a program for us. Scott asked her to talk up our Banquet at the Aquarium.

Jerry Tuttle, who said that he has "magnified himself," asked for an extra extra-large NMHS tee shirt.

Ted Brown announced that ballots for election of Society officers will be emailed to members and asked for other nominations.

Scott asked Letitia and Cosmos to have guests at the Banquet write down their contact info. Scott asked Jerry to work on the distribution list.

PROGRAM

Josh Emms told us about the many critters of many species he and Nikki and kids had seen in their travels in our Southwest. Their slides were proof aplenty of their adventures.

PLACES VISITED (30+)

New Mexico's plains between Raton and Las Vegas, Tome' Hill at Los Lunas, Manzano Mountains, Truth or Consequences, Chiricahua Desert Museum at Rodeo, Reserve, Glenwood pond; Albuquerque's volcanoes, South Valley, Tingley wildlife ponds, Paseo and Coors, Paseo and Eubank; Sandia's East Mountain area; Bernalillo; Belen; , California's Walt Disneyland in Anaheim, Barstow, Deep Creek in the San Gabriel Mountains; Arizona's Kingman, Winslow, Chiricahua Mountains, Safford, Tucson, Santa Rita Canyon, Madeira Canyon, Rincon Mountains ; Colorado's Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR in Denver, Denver Aquarium,

MAMMALS (3)

Pronghorns, Bison, Prairie Dogs

BIRDS (2)

Gila Woodpecker, swallow

ARTHROPODS (3+)

Aphids, Wind Scorpion, butterflies

CRUSTACEANS (1)

Crayfish

LIZARDS (17)

Mojave Fringe-toed, fence, uta, Great Basin Collared, uniparens, velox, horned lizard, Many-lined Skink, Zebra-tail, Earless, Tree, Regal Horned, Desert Spiny, Tiger Whiptail, Spiny, Great Plains Skink, Mediterranean Gecko,

TOADS (4)

Woodhouse's, Red-spotted, Desert, Couch's Spadefoot

FROGS (2)

Bull, Canyon Tree

TURTLES (2)

Red-eared Slider, Mud,

TORTOISE (1)

Bolson

SNAKES (22)

Diamondback, Black-tailed, New Mexico Gartersnake, Gophersnake, helleri, ruber, speckled, pacificus, Mojave River Gartersnake, Ground Snake, Sonoran Gophersnake, Coachwhip, Wandering Gartersnake, Massasauga, Hognose, Prairie Racer, Desert Kingsnake, Prairie Rattlesnake, Glossy, Black-necked Gartersnake, Arizona Black Rattlesnake, Longnose.

CHARACTERS (2)

Mickey Mouse, HelleHooks

Applause,

Scott said that two emails will be sent out soon: #1) to sign up for Banquet; #2) to sign up to show herps at Bosque del Apache at the Festival of the Cranes.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM.

These Draft Minutes of our NMHS Meeting on November 5, 2015 are submitted by Secretary Cosmos on January 7, 2016

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