

## DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

NMHS

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We came together at the American International Rattlesnake Museum in Old Town Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Scott Bulgrin called our Meeting to order and welcomed 15 adult herpers.

Guests Shelly Lindsey, Les, and Randy (Oklahoma City Zoo) introduced themselves.

Scott asked our Secretary Cosmos to read the NMHS Minutes of August 3, 2017. These were approved by members present.

Scott asked our Treasurer Letitia to deliver the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the NMHS checking account remains at \$.

### OLD BUSINESS

Lori King reported that the 2nd Annual Charles W. Painter BioBlitz and Barbeque Fundraiser was held at the Chiricahua Desert Museum. Attendance was down because people were elsewhere viewing the solar eclipse but we still raised \$5,200.00. With a huge attendance, two auctions and the barbeque we raised almost \$6000.00 in 2016. There will be more housing in 2017.

Lori noted that this boot heel area of New Mexico is species rich. Yellowstone National Park at 3,500 sq. miles has 67 mammal species. Chiricahua Mountains at 1,000 sq. miles has 87 mammal species.

Scott said that Jerry Tuttle will submit his bills for travel to three events.

Scott said that Sandia Pueblo will be "Open" this coming Saturday and Ted and Sue Brown will lead our survey and checking of traps.

Scott reminded us that NMHS needs a new banner and said that he will work with Jaci Fischer on getting a design done.

Scott said that he has a Vision Cage and Kelly Hill has two. Bob Myers said that he has three aquaria to give away.

### OUTREACH

Scott gave a presentation to Native American children DACA in the bosque yesterday.

Scott said that he bought the Neodasha (Nee O d shay) cages and will use them to show Western Diamondback, Prairie and Massasauga Rattlesnakes to audiences tomorrow at the Dragonfly Festival at Bitter Lakes National Wildlife Refuge near Roswell.

Scott said that he will give a presentation on September 14 at a Rio Rancho school.

Ted Brown said that he and Sue put on presentations in July at Ute Lake State Park for 20 people at the Visitors Center and in August at Villanueva State Park to 40 people. Scott recommended that NMHS pay \$50 to Sue and Ted for their travel.

Scott that NMHS did not have a Labor Day Field Trip because of lack of interest.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Scott said that Stacey Supenski of the Oklahoma City Zoo is a prospect to be the speaker at our December Banquet. She can talk about the Zoo and her research project about socialization of horned lizards. What will be the date? How about the second Saturday of December?

Jaci Fischer said that she has a new design for NMHS T-shirts.

Carolyn Newell said that her veterinarian has an iguana to get rid of.

Bill said that he is worried that NMHS is not attracting members. Bill Love said the same about his group.

One of our male guests said that holidays are family days and that NMHS should choose other dates for field trip. He added that Memorial Day is a hot day.

Scott suggested: that NMHS update hand-outs; have business cards to hand out; and schedule a field day complete with advertising. In the past NMHS did have a herp exhibit at the Rio Grande Nature Center.

One of our male guests suggested advertising NMHS via social media. Instagram, Twitter, using SmartPhone

Lori suggested advertising NMHS via Instagram.

One of our male guests said that NMHS could get a world-wide audience.

Lindsey remembered that way back when NMHS had field day at Juan Tabo

Lori suggested that NMHS partner with our NM Museum of Natural History and Science. Keith Crowe said that the Explora Museum would be a fit.

Bob Myers said that the Museum had a show and tell at the Albuquerque Zoo.

Scott asked our Secretary if he had gotten down all of those great ideas in the Minutes. Cosmos reassured him that he had taken down "every word."

Cosmos asked Lori if she could come up with names of Junior Herpers who presented at IHS (Russ Gurley)

Keith Crowe recommended having a stand-alone separate business meeting.

Bill Gorum said that he had talked to Bill Love who said their business meeting is only 15-30 minutes and comes before the program.

Our male guest who is in the Marine Corps said that their deadly serious meetings have a drop-dead at 30 minutes.

Bill Gorum said that a lot of discussion could take place online.

Keith Crowe said that NMHS has Google and Facebook pages where our non-business discussion can and should take place.

Josh said that readings of the Secretary's Minutes take up too much time during our business meeting.

Keith said that Josh will take the NMHS computer home and put PowerPoint on it and later on Keith will install an anti-virus on the computer.

BREAKTIME (8:20PM)

Oops, Scott announced that the Wildlife Society will have at their annual meeting in Albuquerque at the end of October a Kid's Quiz Bowl.

Bill Degenhardt said that a lot of kids do not drive and therefore cannot come to our meetings.

Scott said that Scales N Tails came down from Colorado to put on presentations in New Mexico. (discussion to be continued in expanded "MINUTES")

PROGRAM

Bill Gorum showed us eye-catching slides of herps and other natural life subjects that he had made during trips to California.

ADJOURNED

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

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