

Meeting Minutes
New Mexico Herpetological Society (NMHS)
October 7, 2010

President Scott Bulgrin opened the meeting attended by 20 adults and three children. Jean Burt read the minutes from the September 2010 meeting. Garth Graves reported the final bank balance as of 10/7/10 is \$1,850.16.

Old Business

Scott contacted one of the International Herpetological Symposium (IHS) speakers to speak at our holiday banquet. If the speaker's schedule permits, his presentation will be on TransPecos Rat Snakes.

Jaci Fischer reported that Nick's Crossroads Café is available for the holiday banquet on December 4. Those in attendance approved the change of date (previously December 11). The banquet will be \$20 per plate. Tom Eichhorst will send out a newsletter and will include the holiday banquet date, time, and location.

Scott reported that the Sandia Pueblo foothills survey will end October 30, with the closing of traps. He asked for volunteers.

The Wind River Ranch Labor Day weekend field trip was attended by 17 people. Ted Brown distributed the survey report to members present. Scott reported that he gave ranch staff a monetary donation from NMHS, 40 copies of the pamphlet that he developed, and the CD with the presentation slides by NMHS members.

Scott reported that the following critters are still in need of a good home:

- A pair of sulcata tortoises
- Red-tailed boa

Educational Outreach

9/11/10 – Ted and Sue Brown gave an educational presentation at Villanueva State Park attended by 50 people.

9/16/10 – Scott provided an educational presentation and display at the Los Griegos Public Library (8 children attended).

Upcoming Events

10/30/10 – Last survey date in the Sandia Pueblo foothills.

11/10/10 – Ted and Sue will provide an educational presentation and display to the Santa Fe Audubon Chapter

11/13/10 – Environmental Fair at the UNM bookstore (for elementary school children), 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending to display educational material and animals, contact Scott. He will bring the NMHS banner and brochures to the next meeting.

11/20-21/10 – NMHS will provide educational displays at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Festival of the Cranes

New Business

Scott suggested that on the day of the trap closure in the foothills, those who have helped get together for a cookout. Members present approved using NMHS funds to pay for the hamburgers and hot dogs. Jaci Fischer volunteered to host the event at her house.

Scott received a check from the Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center for the presentations that he and Dave Karrmann provided in July and August. Members voted to use this money towards the food for the cookout on 10/30/10.

Pat Maher suggested that NMHS have a waiver that people would sign before field trips. This waiver would state that the person signing would not hold NMHS responsible if he/she were injured. Members briefly

discussed that this would not prevent anyone from seeking legal action, but a limited liability corporation (LLC) would. Pat will look into the cost of forming an LLC.

Scott introduced our new member, Anthony and his daughter.

Members took a short snack break to eat sinful desserts and healthful melon.

Ted showed Wind River Ranch slides.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jean Burt, Secretary NMHS