

Minutes of the SW Chapter meeting on March 16, 2016

Bill welcomed the 29 attendees, and opened the meeting, making a few announcements:

- welcomed new members, referring them to Ann who had membership forms and mentioning our website address www.utahpaleo.org
- UFOP state convention in Moab (April 1 - 3) registration signup would close on March 24th, but there would probably still be room for walk-ins after that date
- He mentioned that there would be 15 speakers , among them Dr. Jim Kirkland,

Dr. Josh Bonde, Dr. Martin Lockley and our own Andrew R.C. Milner, encompassing a full day of talks on Saturday and field trips on Sunday, preceded by a Friday night social.

Elisabeth then discussed the February Minutes which were sent to all members a week earlier. They were voted on, approved, seconded, and as such entered into the record, to be posted on our website.

Elisabeth mentioned that there were now 56 paying members in our chapter, and praised Ann for bringing in at least 6 new members. She also asked Jerry about a proposed field trip for April to which he replied that he would know more after the convention.

Mike gave his treasurer report: membership deposits \$110, no expenses, bringing the balance to \$1,174.88 as per February 29, 2016.

Bill then introduced Dr. Alan Titus as the evening's speaker. Dr. Titus heads the GSENM's paleontology team since 2000. Prior to that he worked for the Department of Energy's Nuclear Weapons Testing Program and lectured at Washington State University (where he earned his PhD), Snow College in Utah and the College of Southern Idaho. The title of his presentation was *Southern Utah's Ancient Sea Monsters: Marine Reptile Fauna of the Tropic Shale*.

After announcing that 2016 was GSENM's 20th anniversary, and that they were planning a series of special talks during the summer to celebrate this fact, he launched into his presentation, remarking that, for once, he was not planning to talk about dinosaurs, but would enjoy showing us data about the amazing amount of different species yielded by the Tropic Shale. And that is what he did.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus,
Secretary, UFOP Southwest Chapter
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