

Minutes of the UFOP SW Chapter Meeting on Sept. 16, 2015

* Bill Biesele opened the meeting, welcoming the 15 attendees.

*** UFOP business**

Bill touched on the following topics:

1. Geofest: Bill thanked our VP Ann Sherwood for her part in helping out with the UFOP booths at Bryce. Ann told us a little about what she had done there. Fred Overkamp also helped out during that weekend (July 31 + August 1), and he gave a small talk as well. The UFOP booths made a very good impression and were well visited. Larry Davis was very pleased.
2. Work on the UFOP Certification classes has started; Jean Acheson (Past State President) is in charge.
3. Field work in Lisbon Valley.
4. Speakers: Andrew Milner this evening, Larry Davis in October (on Mary Anning), Jim Kirkland in November (topic unknown).
5. Christmas pot luck - at least 20 members need to participate.
6. Start thinking of (re)election of officers for 2016.
7. Any ideas how to recruit new members.
8. Minutes are going to be e-mailed to all members before the next meeting; the secretary will not read them during the meeting; amendments can be made and sent back to the secretary or discussed during the meeting before the motion is made to approve them as printed, (or not). Minutes can always be found on our website www.utahpaleo.org under 'Archives'.

*** Treasurer's report**

Mike Santella indicated a beginning balance of \$ 975.55. One membership was added for \$ 15. Additional State dues in May were \$136.25, yearly mail box rental paid in June was \$ 66. That brought the ending balance to \$ 788.30 per September 1, 2015

*** Secretary's Minutes**

Elisabeth read her Minutes from the previous meeting on May 20, 2015. They were voted on, seconded and as such entered into the record, and subsequently posted on UFOP's website.

*** Guest speaker's presentation**

Andrew Milner was our guest speaker for this evening. He recounted enthusiastically two weeks of fieldwork done in Indian Creek and Lisbon Valley where hundreds of sites have been uncovered and around 500 fossils (fish, invertebrates, plants and tracks) were found out of the Late Triassic.

Andrew first gave an overview of the discoveries since 1859 - when the first dinosaur was discovered in the Morrison Formation by John Strong Newberry - followed by Samuel Willes in 1945 (amphibian skull), Bob Schaeffer in 1950 (fish fossils) and finally, after Jim Kirkland suggested visiting the region in 2004, Randy Irmis and Jeff Martz,

Sarah Gibson (who partially based her publication on *semionotus* on her findings in this area) and of course Andrew himself. He expects that there will be room for much more fieldwork in the future, not only exploring and prospecting, but also for mapping and photogrammetry. A \$15,000 grant from Canyonlands Natural Historical Association has made this possible.

Andrew's interesting presentation was of course accompanied by detailed diagrams and photo's on the big screen. He also brought some samples of fossils for us to examine.

Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus, Secretary UFOP SW Branch
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