

Minutes of the Utah Friends of Paleontology Southwest Chapter Meeting – February 27, 2013

At 7 p.m. President Steve Stephenson called the meeting welcoming a total of 28 attendees.

Elisabeth read the Minutes of the previous meeting on January 23, 2013, which were voted into the record.

Linda related information concerning deposits (\$475 for memberships) and expenses (\$59.68 for office supplies and post office box key, coming to an ending balance of \$1,254.82.

Steve announced the start-up of a new UFOP branch based in Moab, spearheaded by Rebecca Hunt-Foster, who is the BLM Canyon Country District Paleontologist. She is working together with Joel Nowak of the US Forest Service. Its name will be for now: UFOP Southeast Chapter.

He also reminded us of a change of date concerning the upcoming UFOP Annual Meeting to be held in St. George, to April 5-7 instead of April 27-29 due to an important paleontological conference taking place in Alberta, Canada during the same weekend proposed originally. He indicated in general terms how the Annual Meeting would be organized: On Friday evening there would be a social at the SGDS Museum, Saturday would be spent at the Lexington Hotel on Bluff Street starting with the Board Meeting, followed by the General Members' Meeting and the presentations, ending with the banquet and keynote speaker, and on Sunday there would be a field trip.

Our speaker of the evening was Brian Switek. Brian is a freelance science writer and author of the critically acclaimed books "Written in Stone" (2010) and "My Beloved Brontosaurus" (2013). He has published in Slate, Nature, The Wall Street Journal, Smithsonian, Scientific American, and more. LAELAPS is his writing laboratory, dedicated to sifting through today's natural history and remnants of the deep past for tales of evolution, extinction, and survival. Brian gave an interesting paleo-overview based on his latest book accompanied by beautifully composed visual pictures.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus, Secretary of UFOP SW Chapter

May 15, 2013