

Minutes of the Southwest Chapter of Utah Friends of Paleontology Meeting — January 15, 2014

Minutes of the SW UFOP Meeting held on January 15, 2014.

Opening: Melinda Hurlbut, our new president, called this meeting to order at 7 p.m., welcoming the 28 attendees.

Items of interest Melinda mentioned:

* Introduced herself and Sandra Sandberg as the new president and treasurer, respectively, and called for another volunteer to fill the still vacant vice-presidency position.

* Thanked those who donated time and food to the Christmas party attended by 20 people, who had a very enjoyable evening.

* Reminded everyone who hadn't yet paid their dues, that they could renew their memberships after the meeting, or mail in their checks.

* Announced a UFOP donation to the SGDS Museum helping to pay for photogrammetry software or hardware up to the amount of \$500. This donation was augmented by \$100 donated to UFOP for this same purpose by David Slauf, one of our members.

* Announced the dates of the 7th Annual Fossil Preparation & Collections Symposium to be held in Salt Lake City on Friday April 4-6, with a social gathering on Thursday evening and a bus trip to Vernal on Sunday.

Treasurer's report: Sandra reported that the beginning balance was \$1200.28; there was no income, and expenses (made for speakers in September and November plus Christmas Potluck) amounted to \$53.82, which left an ending balance of \$1,146.46.

Minutes: Elisabeth read her Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 20, 2013. They were voted on, seconded, approved, and entered into the record.

Speaker: Our speaker was Don DeBlieux, who has been working as a paleontologist/preparatory/field manager at the Utah Geological Survey for the last 11 years. Before that, he worked 4 years as an associate in paleontology at Duke University. He has a Master's Degree in Zoology from the University of Massachusetts, and did extensive paleontological field work in the Western USA, Egypt, Madagascar, Namibia and Tanzania. His talk was titled:

"2007 Paleontological Expedition to the Rukwa Rift Basin, Tanzania."

Don gave a vivacious account of the month he spent with 8 Americans and 5 Tanzanians in the Sungwe River Valley, mainly discovering fossils in the Nsungwe and Galula Formations deposited around 20 mya doing stratigraphic work and tectonics dating, besides having themselves a good time.

Adjournment: After dues were collected, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus, Secr. SW UFOP Branch March 19, 2014