

Minutes of the Utah Friends of Paleontology Southwest Chapter Meeting – May 15, 2013

- President Steve Stephenson called this meeting to order at exactly 7 p.m.
- Linda Baldazzi read her Treasurer's report, informing us that income from the Annual Meeting (incl. registrations, t-shirt, banquet, box lunch and SWAG sales) came to \$3,308.10.

Memberships paid during March and April amounted to \$125.00, bringing the total income to \$3,433.10.

The Annual Meeting expenses (incl. t-shirt purchases, banquet costs, box lunches, printing and miscellaneous) amounted to \$3,194.40; our February speaker came to \$91.99, and our State dues were \$158.75, bringing the total to \$3,445.14.

The beginning balance was: \$1,254.82. The ending balance was thus: \$1,242.78.

- Linda remarked that our chapter did not need to make use of the standing subsidy of \$400 from the UFOP State coffer for hosting chapters, as we had come up pretty even.
- Steve added that of the 46 registered attendees to the Annual Meeting held in St. George April 5-7, half at least were non-UFOP members. He also informed us that the Minutes had been posted on our website www.utahpaleo.org under Statewide/Info/Archives for anyone interested.
- Elisabeth Nipperus then read her Minutes of the previous meeting on February 27, 2013, which were then approved and voted into the record. She added, that from now on, all the minutes would be posted on our UFOP website, also under Statewide/Info/Archives.
- Bob Baldazzi, previous UFOP State President, still had 2 t-shirts left over from the Annual Meeting, which were quickly sold at half price (\$7,50).

- Steve announced fieldwork in Lisbon Valley open to volunteers from August 26 to September 2, led by Andrew R.C. Milner, our Advisor and SGDS Museum Curator. More information will be relayed in due course by e-mail or interested people can call Andrew at 1-435-590-4190.
- Questions came up about the Roos-N-More Zoo trip to Moapa, NV on Saturday, May 25th, organized by our sister organization in Nevada and open to UFOP members. Jerry Harris, Director of Paleontology at DSU, supplied most of the answers, obviously based on his own experience. He recommended the trip, especially for youngsters, as visitors were permitted to handle and feed the animals. Steve reminded anyone who wished to know more about it to contact either Krysan Williams at nvpaleo@gmail.com or Dave Eisenstein at dave@capndavedinosaurs.com. You can also visit www.roosnmore.org. or ask Elisabeth to resend the last information.
- Steve proceeded to introduce our guest speaker, Marc Deshowitz. He is originally from the Boston Area where he did his undergraduate studies in Geology at Salem State University. He then went on to do his graduate work at Southern Illinois University and upon completion, went to work for Shell Oil Company in the gulf Coast Region where he explored for oil and gas accumulations globally for 30 years. He retired to St. George in 2008 with his wife Chrystal and together they lead educational Road Scholar Excursions through all of the National Parks in Utah under auspices of Dixie State University. In addition, Marc does consulting work in the oil industry.

His presentation focused on observations and interpretations in the Navajo Sandstone of the White Pocket Region of the Paria Plateau in Arizona, accompanied by very detailed photography and lively commentary, which definitely helped to make this otherwise dry and difficult topic manageable and interesting. During, and at the end of the presentation, many questions were asked and clearly answered, and we all learned a lot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus, Secr. SW UFOP Branch