

Minutes of the Utah Friends of Paleontology Gastonia Chapter Meeting – August 28, 2013

Zions Bank Conference Room, 330 S Main, Moab

- Meeting was convened at 6:05 PM by VP Lee Shenton with 30 individuals present.
- Minutes for July 31 meeting were accepted as presented by unanimous vote.
- Treasurer Susan Shenton reported that since July 31 the Chapter had received \$20 from one new family UFOP membership, paid \$5 for the monthly bank account fee and had reimbursed the Shentons their \$100 used to open the Gastonia Chapter account, leaving a balance of \$815.49. She also reported that the chapter has current obligations of \$250 for Mid-Mesozoic Conference expenses. [Gastonia Chapter now has 25 paid memberships and 58 on our email list.]
- Lee reported that President Joel Nowak was currently on fire management duty but had organized a day of paleo prospecting in the Pack Creek area. Lee also appealed for a chapter member to volunteer to serve as Secretary. Chapter Advisor ReBecca Hunt-Foster noted that members should contact her if interested in BLM site steward opportunities.
- The business meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Andrew R. C. Milner, Paleontologist and Curator at the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site, Utah presented *An Overview of Paleontological Resources from State and BLM Lands in Lisbon Valley, San Juan County, Utah*. Andrew described several examples of tracks, plant and fossil remains found in the St. George vicinity, including early-Jurassic fish. He explained the geology of the Lisbon Valley area, the Schaeffer Ridge fish site and the many species of fish fossilized there. Andrew described several Upper Triassic tetrapods found in the area's Chinle formation, including new genus and species of crocodylomorphs and phytosaurs. He concluded with descriptions of a series of plant fossils, invertebrates and multiple track sites found in the Upper Triassic Church Rock Member and Kane Springs beds of the Chinle plus an indication of future work intended in the Lisbon Valley area.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Shenton, Acting Secretary