

Minutes of the Southwest Chapter of Utah Friends of Paleontology Meeting — April 16, 2014

Opening: Melinda called this meeting to order at 7 p.m., welcoming the 17 attendees.

Minutes: Elisabeth read the Minutes of the March 19 meeting. They were voted on, approved, and entered as such into the record.

Treasurer's report: Sandra read her report. The beginning balance as from the end of February 2014 was \$1,506.49. The ending balance as from March 2014, was \$1,529.87.

Announcements / Reminders:

*Andrew announced the dates of a planned fieldwork week in Lisbon Valley from August 25 to September 1;

* Gave an update on the back wall at SGDS--nearly complete;

* Talked about plans to remodel the SGDS prep lab in the near future, which will incorporate Andrew's office;

*Reminded us of the yearly Dino Days beginning May 5.

*Melinda mentioned the UFOP Annual Conference in Vernal, UT from May 30-June 1, and also another one to be held in Green River from April 30-May 5 named Mid Mesozoic: The Age of Dinosaurs in Transition;

* The Nevada Friends of Paleontology in conjunction with the University of Las Vegas planned to visit the SGDS Museum and then Warner Valley on May 10 and 11--any UFOP members were welcome to join them;

* Our chapter's vice-presidency vacancy was discussed, but nobody came forward to fill it.

Melinda then introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Alan Titus, who proceeded to give his presentation titled *Lythronax argestes: The new King of Gore*.

Alan gave us an overview of the evolution of this closest relative of T-rex, originating in East-Asia and ending in the southern part of North-America, where it changed from a slender, raptor-like animal to the "record holder for the Tyrannosaurus family."

Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.

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