

Minutes of the Utah Friends of Paleontology Southwest Chapter Meeting – January 23, 2013

- At 7 p.m. our President, Steve Stephenson, called the meeting welcoming a total of 52 attendees. As many of them were non- UFOP members (people who had missed out on Andrew's previous held brown-bag talk at the BLM facility in St. George and directed to our meeting), it was decided Andrew would give his presentation first, and after a short break, the UFOP business meeting would follow.
- Steve introduced Andrew, opening the floor to his presentation on Southern Parkway Project Paleontology. For the last few months, Andrew has been working with the on-and-off help of volunteers along the proposed route for the Southern Parkway. He found several highly significant fossil localities along that route. Illustrated by distinctive pictures and graphics on power-point, he described two significant sites located within the Lower Jurassic Kayenta Formation (195-193 million years old). One records uniquely well-preserved plants and the other contains nearly 600 dinosaur tracks over an area of 300 square meter. As the sites are to be completely destroyed, a lot of time was taken up by cleaning, mapping, photographing, replicating, and salvaging plant fossils and tracks. Andrew had brought some of them to the meeting for us to look at.
- During the business part of the meeting, Elisabeth read the minutes of the meeting held on November 28. After a small correction, they were approved and voted into the record. Linda reported a beginning balance of \$739.50. After three deposits amounting to \$110.00 and expenses made for our Christmas potluck amounting to \$99.66, the balance was brought to \$ 739.50.
- Steve announced that a new South East UFOP Branch in Moab, led by Rebecca Hunt-Foster, BLM Canyon Country District Paleontologist, is in the works. She is working with Joel Nowak of the US Forest Service. Their first meeting is to be held on February 27.

Also: a change of date regarding our Annual UFOP Meeting to April 5-7, due to an important paleontological conference taking place in Canada during the same weekend proposed originally.

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

Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus, Secr. SW UFOP Branch

February 27, 2013.