

# Minutes of the Utah Friends of Paleontology Southwest Chapter Meeting – November 28, 2012

- At 7 p.m. our President, Steve Stephenson, called the meeting welcoming 23 attendees.
- Secretary Elisabeth Nipperus read her Minutes of September 19, 2012, followed by vote approval and as such they were entered into the record.
- Treasurer Linda Baldazzi read her Treasurer's report, indicating an ending balance of \$729.16 due to a deposit of \$15 for one membership and speaker expenses for September of \$60.14.
- Andrew R.C. Milner, our Chapter Advisor, talked about the field trip to the BLM Virgin Quarry held on October 24. To the delight of the twelve participants, many interesting invertebrate fossils were found, and Andrew even thought that the site could be a potential location for a field trip during our Annual Conference in April. He also mentioned that the official opening of the newest exhibit at the SGDS Museum, featuring regional geology of Southern Utah, would be on December 5, at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments would be served. And on December 13, the SGDS Museum was planning its Christmas potluck for volunteers and staff.
- After Steve reminded everyone of the coming Christmas potluck dinner to be held on December 6 at the clubhouse of Steve and Sally's community, he introduced our speaker for the evening: Joe Iacuzzo., Project Manager of Jurassic Foundation, and many other educational projects.
- Joe discussed "The Leonardo Project", the amazing science and discoveries concerning a 77 million years old "mummified" Duckbilled dinosaur, [Brachylophosaurus Canadensis], a 23 ft. long sub-adult, weighing 1200 pounds, entombed on a pristine sandbar and found in 2001 by a 15 year old youth named Dan Stephenson. The carcass was picked up later from the site on Hammond Ranch land in Montana and brought by helicopter to Malta. It is the most complete dinosaur of today, missing only part of its tail. It now is in storage in Houston after having undergone extensive scientific investigation, using the most modern hi-tech computers and instrumentation providing a wealth of information, including the contents of its stomach (40 different types of plants, algae, etc.) enabling the study of the flora of the time.

More information can be found on the website [www.dinosaurmummy.org](http://www.dinosaurmummy.org)

- The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

*Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus, Secretary UFOP SW Chapter*

*January 21, 2013*