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MEETINGS 4th WEDNESDAY of each month at the C.W.A. ROOMS at 8 p.m.

OUTINGS The SUNDAY PRECEDING the 4th WEDNESDAY of the Month.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Single - \$6.00

Family - \$10.00

AIMS OF THE CLUB

1. To study all branches of natural history.
2. Preservation of the Flora and Fauna of Queensland.
3. Encouragement of a spirit of protection towards native birds,
animals and plants.
4. To assist where possible in scientific research.
5. To publish a monthly newspaper.

THE MINUTES OF THE STANTHORPE FIELD NATURALIST CLUB MEETING HELD AT
THE Q.C.W.A. ROOMS ON WEDNESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER, 1984 at 8pm.

Present 26Apologies 11

The President welcomed all to the meeting with special mention of visitors Jim Frazier, Glen Carruthers, Jan Aldenhoren from Sydney.

MINUTES - That the minutes be taken as read was moved by P.Langdon
sec. J.O'Donnell. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

INWARD was received from

1. Subs. R.Werner, W.Goebel
2. Aust Democrats re Save Aust Natural Beauty
3. A.C.F. re Youth participation
4. Record of Govt - No3 Apr. Sep. '84
5. Govt in Focus - Vol 1 No 8&9 Sep/Oct
6. Dept N.Parks & Wildlife - 5 Press Statements
7. N.P.A. - new address Box 1040 Milton Centre 4064
8. N.P.A. News - Vol 54 No 8 Dec
9. D.Downs Nats - No 366 Nov
10. Richmond Valley Nats - Nov
11. Qld N Parks & Wildlife - 9th Annual Report 83/84
12. Urimbirra - Vol 18 No 11 Nov
13. Qld Community Arts Network - Meeting Dec 13 7.30pm
14. Endeavour "Chalet" Home - Thanks for outing

OUTWARD was sent to -

1. 4QS - re outing & meeting
2. Jean Harslett - Condolences

FINANCIAL (for FINANCIAL STATEMENT SEE PAGE 4)

D.Archer moved that a credit of \$188.44 be received and accounts for Room Rent \$6, Magazine Postage \$11, Magazine Duplication \$7 be passed for payment. Sec B.McDonagh. Carried.

OUTING REPORT

Forty-five people attended the outing to "Pinaster" at Kyoomba. Under the leadership of Colin and Janet Hockings, the party was taken along the creek to a waterfall. The walk was made easy through Colin's thoughtfulness in slashing a track all the way to the falls. An uncommon purple diuris was found on this walk. Surprise was expressed at the number of nests built near the house and eight species were listed.

NEXT OUTING

This will be the Christmas Breakup to be held at Harsletts at Amiens. Members may arrive at any time during the afternoon and walks are available. Jean has offered to supply the first course and members are asked to provide the sweets.

The next Sunday outing has to be finalised. (See later in Newsletter)

GUEST SPEAKER

Not finalised. (Please see later in Newsletter)

SPECIMENS

Brian McDonagh brought a very robust specimen of Broomsedge or Grader grass as it is known in Central Queensland. It is becoming a pest in some local areas here. Brian also brought

REPORT ON THE CHRISTMAS PARTY of Sunday, 9th December 1984.

This was held at President Jean's home, and was a great success. A few people went for a walk early in the afternoon, but most of the sixty guests came for the fellowship at the homestead. Jean provided the first course of cold meat and salad. Dessert was amply supplied by other members. Later, the weather cooled and guests were pleased to move into the book and specimen filled living room for 'closer' camaraderie.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOVEMBER 28th 1984

Credit Balance October 21st 1984 174.89

Receipts

Oct 24	Subs	26.00
Oct 24	Bring & Buy	2.05
Oct 24	Room Rent Collection	5.50
Oct 24	Room Rent Donation	4.50

38.05
212.94

Payments

Oct 24	Room Rent	6.00
	Oct. Mag. Duplication	7.00
	Oct. Mag. Postage	11.00
	Federal Tax	0.50

24.50

Nov. 28th 1984 Credit Balance \$188.44

GUEST SPEAKER, Wednesday, 27th February 1985 at the Club meeting, will be Brian Dodd who will talk on the work done fifty years ago by his uncle, Allen Dodd O.B.E. in connection with the biological control of prickly pear.

NEXT OUTING - to Jack Deutscher's property on the Sugarloaf Road.
Meet at Weeroona Park at 9.30 am on Sunday 24th Feb.
with a packed lunch. There will be parking on the farm if it doesn't rain too much!
The walk is described by Jack and Tom as moderate.
