Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday 9th March 2016 held at the Museum at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Dorothea Vaux, Peter Marr, Joy Ballard, Brian Betts, Ray Nelson, Claudette Humphrys, Mary Attard, Warwick Gadsden, Bill Humphrys (who presided), Lee Rodger. (10)

APOLOGIES: Jan Hystek, Ian Russel. (2)

Minutes of the Meeting of 10th February 2016 were accepted – R. NELSON/B. BETTS,Cd.

CORRESPONDENCE; To be dealt with as read – J. BALLARD/C. HUMPHRYS, Cd. Tamworth Historical Socy. Invitation to 40th Anniversary of Official Opening of Calala Cottage as a Museum on 10th April, 2016. Possible 4 to attend – confirm week before event. Tamworth Regional Heritage Awards and High Tea – Tamworth War Memorial Town Hall – Thursday 28th April 2016 – 2 to 5 p.m. Possible 4 to attend. Confirmation required OUT. Letter of support to Moonbi Public School re their Anzac Commemoration Wall. TRC re Park Toilets – need for upgrade, cleaning, etc.


PRESIDENT’S REPORT; Weather conditions affecting attendances, Banners are here and will be in place later in month, no maintenance issues. Quotation requested from Eric Murray for Stage 3 Museum construction. TRC assisting in search for appropriate grants and fund raising will be high on our agenda.

MUSEUM MANAGER’S REPORT; Ian Russell actively involved with Claudette in preservation of history programme.

NEWS LETTER EDITOR’S REPORT; News letter issued, mention of mystery object, new advertisers, etc.

FUND RAISING CO-ORDINATOR: Easter Raffle on track and to be drawn 19th March – Mothers Day raffle to be prepared.

GENERAL BUSINESS; Museum Roster circulated – we need more volunteers. Committee was unanimous in appointing Eric Murray for builder for Stage 3 construction. Moonbi Museum has a rich heritage – poultry industry had been largest outside Metropolitan Sydney, tobacco growing also in this area. Mention of Pistol – to retain same it will need to be made inoperable. Peter Marr spoke on his displayed collection - “Marr After Dark”. Very talented, clever and interesting. Good work, Peter.

Mary Attard spoke on Moonbi Art Group, possibility of displaying local works. Advised to apply in writing so this can be considered at next meeting. Moonbi Art Group is not for profit organisation. Need space to hold exhibitions say 3-4 times each year, items for sale. The President, Bill, thanked the members for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7 p.m.