

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF  
THE KOTTAYAM RIFLE CLUB HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 1969 AT 6 P. M.  
AT THE HOME GUARDS CLUB.

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Present:

M/s. Sunny Thomas	M/s. James Vellappally
P.M. Raghavan	C.T. John
N.K. Sathivan	M.E. John
N.V. George	M.M. Mathew
A.I. Abraham	C. Bhaskaran Nair

and Sri Joseph Thomas Koipally.

In the absence of the President and Vice President Mr. Sunny Thomas occupied the chair as unanimously agreed by the members.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Minutes of the last General Body meeting held on 11th June 1968 were also read by the Secretary and was passed unanimously.

The audited accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 1968 and the Report of the Executive Committee were then taken up for consideration.

The Auditors report on the accounts were also read at the meeting.

Proposed by Mr. A.I. Abraham and seconded by Mr. N.V. George, the audited accounts and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 1968 and also the executive committee's report thereon were duly approved and passed by the meeting.

The following office bearers for the year were then duly proposed and seconded and were elected unanimously.

District Collector	(Ex-Officio President)
District Supt. of Police.	(Ex-Officio Vice President)
Shri C.T. John	(Secretary)
M.E. John	(Joint Secretary)
Sunny Thomas	(Treasurer)
James Vellappally	
P.M. Raghavan	
Joseph Thomas Koipally	
A.I. Abraham and	
C. Bhaskaran Nair.	

Proposed by Mr. A.I. Abraham and seconded by Mr. James Vellappally, M/s. Cherian & Cherian, Chartered Accountants, Kottayam, were re-appointed as Auditors for the current year.

Mr. C.T. John reported at the meeting the decisions of the Executive Committee that the membership fee due for the year 1968 and 1969 from members be waived considering the fact that Club could not carry on with its regular activities during the period. The meeting welcomed this decision of the committee.

It was decided that shooting practice should be conducted on the 1st and last Friday of every month at 5 P.M.

The meeting further discussed ways and means to improve the membership and the activity of the Club and came to the following conclusions:

1. The Collector and Superintendent of Police may be approached and requested to take an active interest in the club activities, reminding them that they were the actual sponsors of this club considering its national importance.

2. District Superintendent may have to re-start the functioning of the Civilian Rifle Club at the range as had been done earlier, such as arranging to bring rifles and cartridges on Club practice days to the range along with a Police Inspector to give coaching to new comers.

3. All members may be requested to bring their friends to the Club when they come for practice, since this may give them enthusiasm to join the Club.

4. Institutions may be informed of the details of the Civilian Rifle Training Scheme and encouraged to take advantage of the benefits of the same.

5. District rifle competitions may be conducted in the club once in every year.

Most of the club members possess double barrel rifles. They find it difficult to get cartridges from licensed dealers and they buy from the open market at a higher rate. The government authorities give a direction to the licensed dealers to give special preference and priority in supplying cartridges to the Rifle Club members. This will bring more enthusiasm to the present members, and also give incentive for more and more rifle owners to join the Club. District Collector and Superintendent of Police may be requested to take up this suggestion and get it implemented.

The Secretary was authorised to take all immediate action to see that the Club activities are revived, without delay.

It was also decided considering ~~winding up~~ the club if this mission fails. *a*

The meeting terminated at 7.30 P.M.

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SECRETARY.