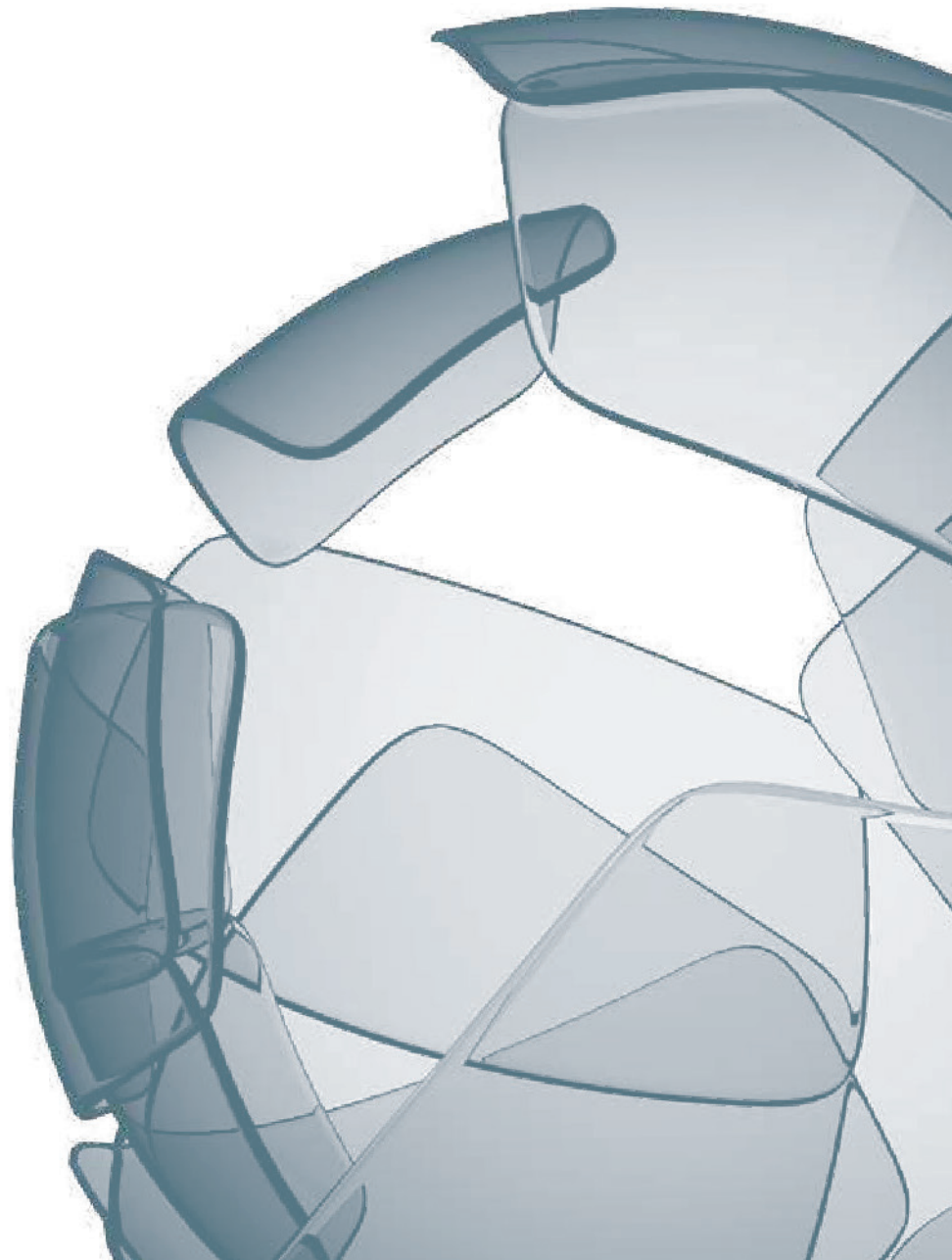


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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





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The International Football Board held its 20th annual meeting in the Rooms of the Scottish Football Assⁿ on Wednesday 1st June. Mr. A. M^r. Kennedy President of the Scottish Assⁿ occupied the chair & there were also present Mess^{rs} J. Devlin (Scotland) J. B. Blegg & J. Armstrong (England) & J. Sinclair & ^{Mr. H. Dill (Ireland)} ~~Wales~~ ^{not represented} ~~Wales~~ ^{not represented} ~~Wales~~ ^{not represented}. [After the approval of the minutes Mr Sinclair proposed & Mr Armstrong seconded that in the definition of a free kick the word "way" be deleted & "direction" inserted instead & that the following be added to rule viz: "The ball must at least be rolled over before it shall be considered played." & after some discussion the proposal was carried unanimously. [The proposal to include "attempting to throw" in definition of tripping caused some discussion. Mess^{rs} Blegg Dill & Sinclair were in favour of it whilst Mess^{rs} Kennedy Devlin & Armstrong thought its insertion unnecessary as they considered a referee had sufficient power to warrant him giving a foul for a "deliberate attempt to throw". They however assented to the insertion of the words seeing it but clearly stated what they considered ^{the} was understood interpretation. [On the question of touch whether a ball in the air but over the line is in play or otherwise" created a long discussion & as no agreement could be arrived at the question was postponed & a recommendation made to next Conference to define clearly the touch & goal lines and also

also when a player is out of or in play in relation to touch & goal lines viz: "Can a player when in touch bend forward & head a ball which is in play"

- [Seeing a goalkeeper can only use his hands in defence of his goal the conference decided this shall mean "within his own half of the ground." [The notices onent alternative penalty for charging behind were withdrawn. [The proposal "that touch lines should run at right angles to goal lines" was only supported by Scottish delegates. The other representatives however looked favourably on it but thought if each Assocⁿ would insert it in its own but Competition rules no restrictions would be placed on clubs outside of the jurisdiction of the four National Assoc^s. In consequence of want of unanimity the motion was withdrawn.
- [The penalty for violating Rule 2 Laws of the Game is now a free kick to opposing team.
- [The English proposal "that bars outy shall be allowed on the sides of the boots" was agreed to as tending to minimize danger and while it may be a hardship to some to be debarred from playing with studs, all players will now be placed on an equality.
- ["That a British subject born abroad shall be eligible to play for his father's nationality" was unanimously adopted.
- [The Conference decided that a line ^{ball} is playable.
- [A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings which last 2½ hours.
- [The delegates were afterwards entertained to lunch in the Royal Hotel George Square

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