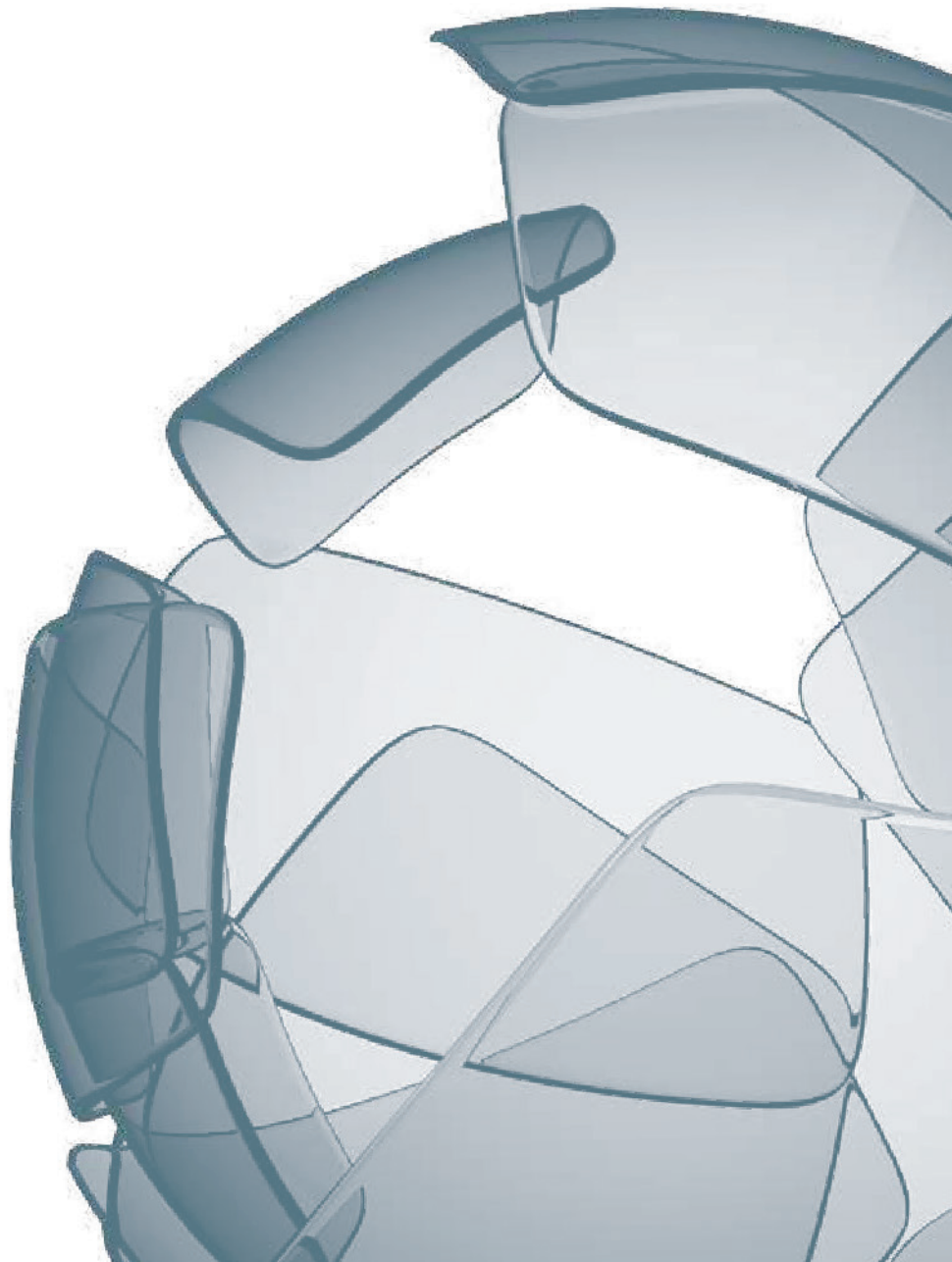


1947

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The International Football Association Board.

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, TORQUAY,

ON SATURDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1947.

Present :—

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Messrs. A. Brook Hirst, W. C. Cuff, H. J. Huband, J.P., and S. F. Rous, C.B.E. (Secretary).

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Hon. Sheriff D. Gray, Provost J. Lamb, Messrs. J. Kirkwood and G. G. Graham, O.B.E., J.P. (Secretary).

F.A. OF WALES—Messrs. B. Watts Jones, Milwyn Jenkins, J. Calvin Hughes and H. Powell (Secretary).

IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Messrs. J. MacBride, F. J. Cochrane and J. M. Small (Secretary).

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (F.I.F.A.)—Messrs. H. Delaunay, D. Eie and Dr. I. Schricker (Secretary).

(Mr. Brook Hirst was elected Chairman and Mr. Rous acted as Secretary to the Meeting).

Prior to the business of the Meeting the Chairman

(a) extended a welcome to Messrs. J. Lamb, Milwyn Jenkins, F. J. Cochrane and D. Eie who were attending, as delegates, their first meeting of The Board, and to Messrs. J. Kirkwood, J. Calvin Hughes, H. Powell, A. E. Ansell and A. Drewry, officials in attendance.

(b) referred with regret to the deaths of the following members :—

Lt.-Col. Llewellyn Williams, Messrs. T. Robbins and C. Watson.

(c) congratulated Mr. G. G. Graham on being awarded the Order of the British Empire by His Majesty The King in the 1947 Birthday Honours.

1.—MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held at Nice on 10th June, 1939, were confirmed.

2.—LAWS OF THE GAME

(a) It was agreed that the following proposals by the F.I.F.A. should be deferred until the next Board Meeting when a new draft of the whole of paragraph (e) Law 12, including the "N.B." which was introduced into the Laws when they were re-written, would be presented for adoption :—

LAW 12—FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

PRESENT LAW.

PUNISHMENT.

(1). OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA.

For any infringement of (a), (b), (c), (e), a direct free-kick shall be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.

(2). INSIDE THE PENALTY AREA

(A) For any infringement of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), by the attacking team the punishment shall be a direct free-kick for the defending team from the place where the infringement occurred.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Add as last sentence :

"For an infringement of (e) an indirect free-kick shall be taken if charging is fair but the ball being not within playing distance of the players concerned and not definitely attempting to play it."

Add after this first sentence :

"For an infringement of (e) the punishment shall be an indirect free-kick from the same place if charging is fair but the ball being not within playing distance of the players concerned and not definitely attempting to play it."

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PRESENT LAW.

(B). For any infringement of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), by the defending team, the punishment shall be a penalty-kick. A penalty-kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball, if in play, at the time an offence within the penalty area is committed.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Add after the last sentence, i.e. before (C) :

“ For an infringement of (e) the punishment shall be an indirect free-kick if charging is fair but the ball being not within playing distance of the players concerned and not definitely attempting to play it. The penalty-kick can only be awarded for the following nine offences, intentionally committed by a player of the defending side within the penalty area :

- (i) Tripping an opponent ;
- (ii) Kicking an opponent ;
- (iii) Striking an opponent ;
- (iv) Jumping at an opponent ;
- (v) Handling the ball ;
- (vi) Holding an opponent ;
- (vii) Pushing an opponent ;
- (viii) Charging an opponent violently or dangerously ;
- (ix) Charging an opponent from behind.

(b) The following proposal by The Football Association was, upon a division, declared to be lost :—

PRESENT LAW.

Law 3, Last sentence :—

“ An International Match in which one of the four British Associations is playing is deemed a match under the Rules of a Competition.”

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Substitute the following :—

“ In International Matches between Associations in membership with the F.I.F.A. substitutes may be permitted up to the forty-second minute of the game for not more than two players who are injured and unable to return to the field.”

3.—AGREEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD, JUNE, 1895 The following proposal by The Football Association was, upon a division, declared to be lost :—

AGREEMENT, JUNE, 1895.

Para. 2.

“ In International Matches the qualification of players shall be birth. In the case of British subjects born abroad their nationality shall be decided by the nationality of their fathers.”

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

After the word “ birth ” add

“ Within the area of their National Association.”

4.—MISCELLANEA

(a) The following proposal by the F.A. of Wales to amend Minute 7 of the Minutes of the Scarborough Conference of 15th July, 1946, was adopted :—

CONFERENCE AT SCARBOROUGH.

JULY, 15th 1946. Minute 7.

“ It was decided that all clubs and Associations in membership be notified that only those matches authorised and organised by a National Association may be styled “ International.”

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

“ that neither the title International nor the names of the countries concerned should be used in any representative matches, unless such matches are organised under the auspices of a National Association.”

(b) Consideration of the following proposal by The Football Association to amend Law 16 of the Laws of the Game was deferred until the next meeting of the Board :—

LAST SENTENCE :

Players of the Team opposing that of the player taking the goal-kick shall not approach within 10 yards of the ball whilst the kick is being taken.

SUGGESTED ALTERATION :

Substitute :—

Players of the Team opposing that of the player taking the goal-kick shall remain outside the penalty area whilst the kick is being taken.

(c) An invitation from the F.I.F.A. to hold the next meeting of the Board on the Continent was considered. At the suggestion of the Scottish Football Association (conveners of the next Meeting under Board Rule IV) the invitation was unanimously accepted, it being understood that the venue of the Meeting in June, 1948, would be in Zurich, Switzerland.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the Meeting.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

IMPERIAL HOTEL, TORQUAY

SATURDAY, 14TH JUNE 1947

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