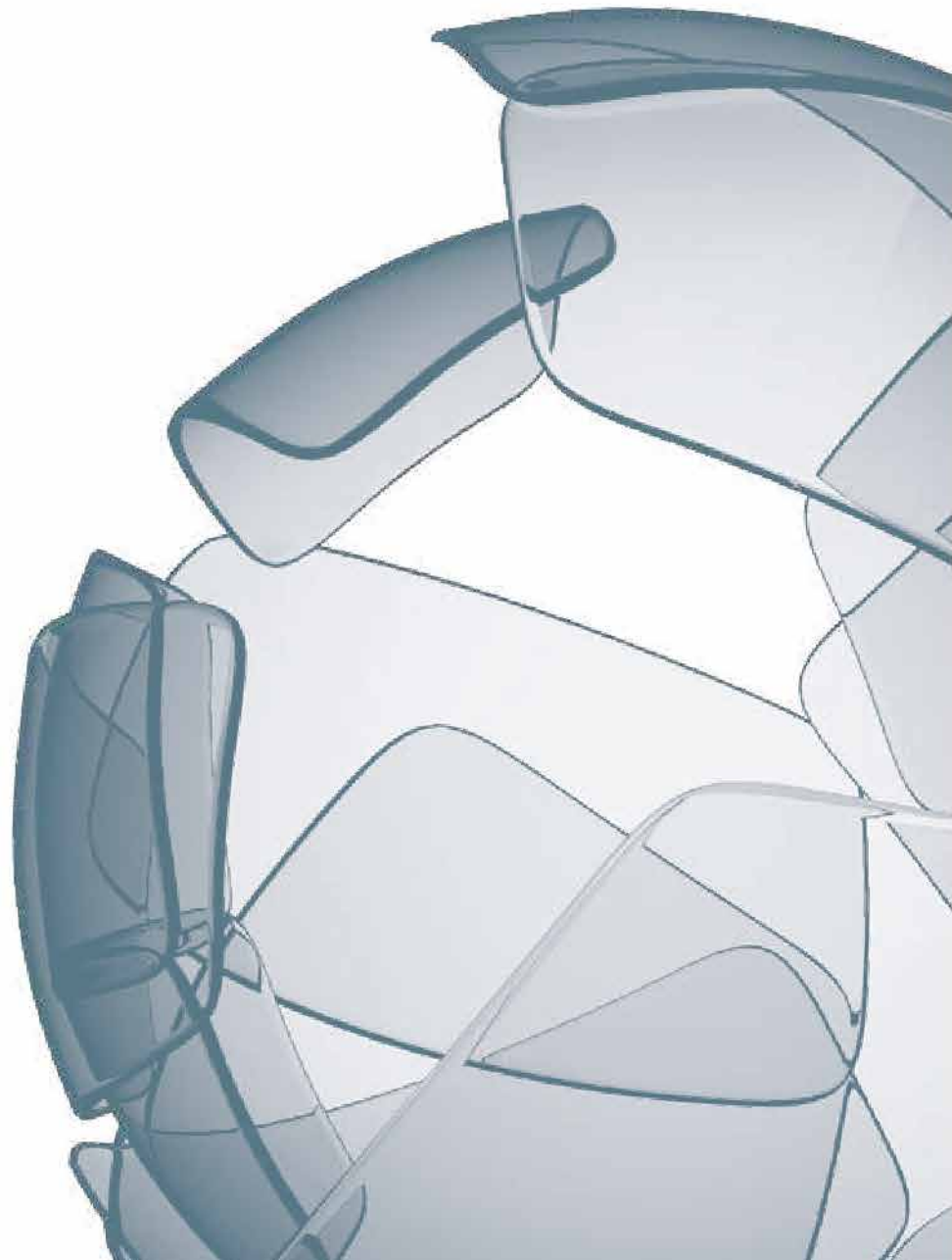


1951

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

held at

The Northern Counties Hotel, Portrush

On SATURDAY, 9th JUNE, 1951,

The following constituted the Board:—

The Irish Football Association:—Messrs. J. MacBride, W. R. Hewitt and W. J. Drennan (Secretary).

The Football Association:—Messrs. A. Brook Hirst, O.B.E., A. Drewry, J.P., and Sir Stanley Rous, C.B.E., J.P., (Secretary).

The Scottish Football Association:—Messrs. J. Lamb, J.P., H. S. Swan, J.P., R. Williamson (Hon. Treasurer) and G. G. Graham, O.B.E., J.P., (Secretary).

The Football Association of Wales:—Messrs. M. Jenkins, E. J. Morgan, J. C. Hughes (Hon. Treasurer) and H. Powell (Secretary).

Federation Internationale de Football Association:—Messrs. H. Delaunay, and K. Gassmann (Secretary).

Apology:—An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. Juan Cesar de Gregorio (F.I.F.A.).

Mr. J. MacBride presided and Mr. W. J. Drennan acted as Secretary to the Board.

The Chairman welcomed the Board to Ireland and made special reference to:—

(a) The illness of His Majesty The King, to whom the following telegram was sent:—

“The Members of the International Football Association Board, representing the Association Football Countries of the World, assembled for their Annual Meeting at the Northern Counties Hotel, Portrush, Ireland, desire to express their sincere sympathy to His Gracious Majesty The King in his present illness and to convey sincere wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.”

The following telegram was received in reply:

“Please convey to the Members of the International Football Association Board an expression of His Majesty's sincere thanks for their kind message—Private Secretary.”

(b) The absence from the meeting through illness of Mr. F. J. Cochrane, President of The Irish Football Association, and Mr. H. J. Huband, J.P., Hon. Treasurer of The Football Association. It was agreed that telegrams of good wishes be sent to both.

(c) The attendance of Mr. R. Williamson, Mr. K. Gassmann and Mr. W. J. Drennan at their first meeting of the Board, to whom a hearty welcome was accorded.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Beaumaris, on 10th June, 1950, were confirmed.

Arising from the Minutes. The Football Association delegates informed the Board that the Council of The Football Association had decided that in future International Matches in which they take part, they will ask for a referee from a neutral country to be appointed.

—LAWS OF THE GAME.

(1) **Law 4.** The following proposal by The Football Association was adopted:—

To delete the words from . . . “ studs shall be round” (line 8) to “shall not be worn” (line 15) and substitute

“ . . . studs shall be round in plan and not less than half-an-inch in diameter; combined studs and bars may be worn provided the whole conforms to the general requirements of this Law; **neither bars nor studs on the soles or heels shall project more than three-quarters of an inch. Other than the small metal seating for the screw type of stud, no metal plates, even though covered with leather or rubber, shall be worn**”

(2) **Law 12 Section 2.** The following proposal by The Football Association and the Federation Internationale de Football Association was adopted:—

Substitute the word ‘ **five** ’ for the word ‘ four ’ making it read:—

“A player committing any of the **five** following offences:—” and re-number offences (3) and (4) as (4) and (5) and insert as number (3) the following new offence to be punished by an indirect free-kick:—

“ **(3) When not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent, i.e. running between the opponent and the ball, or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent.**”

It was decided to review this alteration at the next meeting of the Board.

(3) **Law 12 Section 3(j)** The following proposal by The Football Association was adopted:—

That the comma after the word ‘ commenced ’ in the first sentence of (j) be deleted and the word ‘ **or** ’ be substituted.

(4) **Law 12 Section 3(j)** The following proposal by The Football Association was, by leave, **withdrawn**:—

That as a final sentence to (j) there be added:—

“ If the player enters the field of play at an unauthorised time and interferes with play in any way, it shall be considered a more important offence, namely, Ungentlemanly conduct (m).”

The Board requested that this proposed alteration be presented next year in a suggested revised form.

B—AGREEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD.

The following proposal by The Scottish Football Association was adopted:—

NEW AGREEMENT.

“In all International Matches in the British Championship Series, other than England versus Scotland, the visiting Association shall have the option to purchase 20% of the tickets available for sale at all prices provided the tickets or any portion required are purchased not less than two months prior to the date of the match.”

C—INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.

Rule No. 7. The following proposal by The Football Association of Wales was adopted:

That in place of the present wording, the following be substituted:—

“Matches shall be of 90 minutes duration.”

D—MISCELLANEA.

1. International Youth Championship Rules.

The Board agreed that the Secretaries of the four British Associations should meet to make any further alterations in the Rules of the International Youth Championship, which may be deemed necessary, and to submit same to their respective Associations for approval.

2. Federation Internationale de Football Association.

International Youth Tournament.

The Board agreed to give temporary permission to the organisers of the International Youth Tournament arranged for Associations in membership with the Federation Internationale de Football Association, to allow the goalkeeper to be replaced by a substitute at any time during a match, and one other player before the end of the first half, if they are injured and unable to return to the field.

3. Annual Meeting, 1952.

The Federation Internationale de Football Association invited the Board to hold the Annual Meeting in June, 1952, at a venue to be decided on the Italian Riviera.

4. Vote of Thanks.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD.

NORTHERN COUNTIES HOTEL PORTRUSH.

SATURDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1961.

A t t e n d a n c e .

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A. Brooker
Arthur Dewey
C. Ross (Secretary)

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

John Lamb
A. S. Swan
Richardson
Wm. S. Ewing (Secretary)

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES.

Williams
E. Hoag
J. Calverley
H. J. O'Connell (Secretary)

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

James Brindley
William R. Bennett
J. Bennett (Secretary)

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

J. H. Delamare
J. G. Assunçao (secrétaire)

IFAB®

