

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION BOARD

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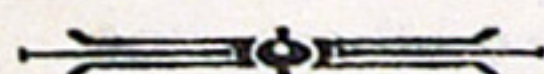
International Football Association Board.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT

Causeway Hotel, Giant's Causeway, 9th June, 1923,

CAPTAIN J. M. WILTON, Irish Football Association, presided.



The following Representatives were present from

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	Messrs. J. M'Kenna and W. Pickford.
SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	Messrs. T. White and W. Craig.
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES	Messrs. T. E. Thomas and A. Thomas.
IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	Messrs. J. MacBride and J. Ferguson.

Also present, Messrs. F. J. Wall, Secretary The Football Association; J. K. M'Dowall, Secretary Scottish Football Association; T. Robbins, Secretary Football Association of Wales; A. M'Aughey and J. M. Small, Irish Football Association. and Mr. C. Watson, Secretary of Irish Football Association, who acted as Secretary of the Meeting.

It was decided to record an expression of sincere sympathy and regret at the death of Mr. Charles Crump, who for many years acted as the representative of England to the Board.

Minutes of Meeting held at Llandudno 9th June, 1922, were read and confirmed.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, welcomed Mr. W. Pickford (England) who attended the Board for the first time.

The Secretary read telegram of fraternal greetings to all assembled from the representatives of the Leinster Football Association, Dublin, working under the Irish Football Association, Ltd.

LAWS OF THE GAME.

The following proposals by the Scottish F.A., The Football Association and The Irish Football Association, were withdrawn.

BY SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

LAW I.

Delete the sentence "A half-way line shall be marked out across the field of play" and substitute "Lines shall be marked 40 yards from each goal-line across the field of play."

LAW 6.

From the second sentence delete the following words "within his own half of the field of play" and substitute "not within his opponents' 40 yards area."

ALTERNATE PROPOSAL.

Line 9—Delete the word "three" and substitute word "two."

BY IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

LAW 1.

In the event of the alteration to Law 1, proposed by Scottish F.A., being adopted, add immediately after same—"Where these lines join the touch lines, flags with staffs not less than five feet high shall be placed at least one yard outside the field of play."

BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

LAWS 1 & 6.

"That the Laws be amended to provide that the off-side area be limited to the playing area within forty yards of each goal-line."

LAW 17.

Add as the third sentence—

"The free-kick shall be taken under the following conditions—All players, with the exception of the opponent's goalkeeper, shall stand outside the penalty area and inside the field of play, and no player, except the player taking the free kick, shall approach within 10 yards of the ball until the kick is taken."

The following proposals by The Football Association and the Irish Football Association were adopted.

BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

LAW 1.

For the present first sentence substitute the following—

"The game shall be played by not more than 11 players on each side."

Insert the following as the second sentence—

“By arrangement made before the commencement of a match (but not in a match played under the Rules of a Competition) substitutes may be allowed in place of injured players.”

LAW 4.

Insert as the second sentence—

“A game shall be won by the team scoring the greater number of goals. If no goals have been scored, or the scores are equal at the end of the game, the game shall be drawn.”

BY IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

LAW 17.

After the word “area,” on 17th line add “and at least 10 yards from where the kick is being taken.”

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD.

The following proposal by the Irish Football Association was withdrawn.

LAW 6.

Delete Footnote A.

AGREEMENTS of INTERNATIONAL BOARD

The following proposals by The Scottish Football Association and the Football Association in regard to agreement of 18th June, 1894, were withdrawn.

BY SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Substitute the following—Each Association will recognise suspensions of clubs and individuals by other National Associations and each National Association will recognise the registrations of players by each National Association. Players retained by clubs under the Rules of each National Association are registered players.

BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Provided the Rules of the National Associations with regard to the registration and retention of players are uniform, the following sentence be added to the Agreement—

“Players retained by Clubs under the Rules of each National Association are registered players.”

The following request by The Football Association was withdrawn.

The Football Association requests that the Board will accept their Minute of a decision on the construction of the practice in Law 17 as follows—

"The Council considered the practice of players lining up on the penalty line to impede a player when taking a penalty kick. It was decided that such a practice was not in accordance with the intention of the Laws of the Game, and must be discontinued."

At the request of the **Football Association of Wales**, the following decision was given on Law 6, such decision not to be printed in Rule Book—

"A player, who next plays the ball when it has been dropped by the Referee to resume play after its stoppage, cannot be offside."

Agreed on a notice of motion by the **Football Association of Wales**—

"That duplicate minutes of International Board be prepared by the Scottish Football Association, and sent to respective Associations."

IRISH FOOTBALL.

Communications were read from the Football Association of Ireland and The Football Association of the Irish Free State, applying for admission to membership of the Board. It was unanimously decided—

"That application for membership from The Football Association of Ireland or The Football of the Irish Free State cannot be received."

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Chairman.

W. H. Richford
June 14/1907



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