

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION BOARD

1930

MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The International Football Association Board.

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HELD AT THE ROYAL EXETER HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH,
ON SATURDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1930.

Present: Messrs. W. Pickford (in the Chair), J. McKenna (The Football Association); R. Campbell, W. McIntosh (Scottish Football Association); S. H. Nicholls, A. Thomas (Football Association of Wales); J. MacBride, J. Ferguson (Irish Football Association); Dr. I. Schriker, H. Delaunay (Federation Internationale de Football Association).

Also Present: Sir Frederick Wall (Secretary, The Football Association), who acted as Secretary to the Meeting; G. G. Graham (Secretary, Scottish Football Association); T. Robbins (Secretary, Football Association of Wales); C. Watson, Secretary, and J. M. Small, Treasurer (Irish Football Association).

Minutes of Meeting of the Board held in Paris on 8th June, 1929, were confirmed.

The Board passed a Resolution of congratulation to Sir Charles Clegg, the President of The Football Association, upon the eightieth anniversary of his birthday.

Sir Frederick Wall was congratulated on the Honour of Knighthood conferred upon him by His Majesty the King.

LAWS OF THE GAME.

Proposals by the Irish Football Association.

The following Proposals were by leave withdrawn:—

PRESENT LAW.

LAW 5.—When the ball is in touch, a player of the opposite side to that which played it out shall throw it in from the point on the touch-line where it left the field of play. The player throwing the ball must stand with both feet on the ground outside the touch-line facing the field of play, and shall throw the ball in over his head with both hands in any direction, and it shall be in play when thrown in. A goal shall not be scored from a throw-in, and the thrower shall not again play until the ball has been played by another player.

LAW 17.—In the event of any infringement of Laws 5, 6, 8, or 10, or of a player being sent off the field under Law 13, a free-kick shall be awarded to the opposite side, from the place where the infringement occurred. In the event of any intentional infringement of Law 9 outside the penalty area, or by the attacking side within the penalty area, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposite side from the place where the infringement occurred. In the event of any intentional infringement of Law 9 by the defending side within the penalty area, the Referee shall award the opponents a penalty kick (*a*), which shall be taken from the penalty kick mark under the following conditions:—All players, with the exception of the player taking the penalty kick and the opponents' goal-keeper, shall be within the field of play but outside the penalty

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

LAW 5.—After the words "throw-in" on line 9 add:—
"In the event of an infringement of the foregoing the throw-in shall revert to the opposite side."

Add to end of Law:—"Contravention of this portion of the Law shall be penalised by a free kick being awarded to the opposite side."

LAW 17.—Delete figure 5 on line 2.

PRESENT LAW.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

area, and at least 10 yards from where the kick is being taken. The opponents' goalkeeper must stand on his own goal-line until the ball is kicked. The ball must be kicked forward. The ball shall be in play when the kick is taken, and a goal may be scored from a penalty kick; but the ball shall not be again played by the kicker until it has been played by another player. If necessary, time of play shall be extended to admit of the penalty kick being taken. A free kick shall also be awarded to the opposite side if the ball is not kicked forward, or is played a second time by the player who takes the penalty kick until it has been played by another player. The Referee may refrain from putting the provisions of this Law into effect in cases where he is satisfied that by enforcing them he would be giving an advantage to the offending side. If when a penalty kick is taken the ball passes between the goal posts under the bar, the goal shall not be nullified by reason of any infringement by the defending side.

Proposals by the Football Association of Wales.

The following Proposals were by leave withdrawn:—

LAW 17.—Delete “ 5 ” from line 2, and add the following to Law 5:—

“ In the case of any infringement of Law 5, the throw-in shall be forfeited to the the opposing side; and in case of a second infringement by the same side, a free kick shall be awarded ” ;

or, alternatively.

LAW 5.—Add to Law 5:—

“ In the event of any infringement of this Law, the opposing side shall be awarded a ‘penalty throw,’ to be taken under the conditions now obtaining under Law 5, except that the players of the offending side shall not approach nearer the touch-line than 15 yards (or such other distance as may be agreed to by the International Board) until the ball has been thrown in. Should the side awarded the penalty throw infringe the Law, the penalty throw shall revert to the side who had the original throw-in. In case of any further infringement, a free kick shall be awarded against the offending side.

“Note.—The Referee shall see that in the event of a penalty throw being awarded, that all players of the offending side are at the proper distance from the touch-line.”

Proposals by the Federation Internationale de Football Association.

The following Proposal was upon a division declared to be lost:—

PRESENT LAW.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

LAW 1.—Present footnote (a).—An international match is deemed to be a match played under the rules of a Competition.

For an international match which is not played under the Rules of a Competition the substitutes may be allowed in place of injured players if arrangement has been made before the commencement of the match.

The following Proposal was adopted:—

PRESENT LAW.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

LAW 10 (last sentence).—The kick-off (except as provided by Law 2) and goal kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this Law.

LAW 10 (last sentence).—Re-insert the words “ corner kick.” The sentence to read as follows:—“ The kick-off (except as provided by Law 2), corner kick and goal kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this Law.”

The following Proposal was upon a division declared to be lost :—

PRESENT LAW.

LAW 17.—The opponents' goal keeper must stand on his own goal line until the ball is kicked.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

LAW 17.—The opponents' goal keeper shall be on his own goal line until the ball is kicked.

LAW 17.—Official Decision.—The opponents' goal keeper shall be on his goal line, but he may move on that line.

The Board agreed to the following as a footnote to the Law :—

“The word ‘stand’ means that the goalkeeper must not move his feet until the penalty kick has been taken.”

DECISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD.

Proposal by the Scottish Football Association.

The following Proposal was by leave withdrawn :—

Consider the advisability of adding as a Footnote to Law 13 as an Instruction to Referees :—

“The Referee shall be satisfied throughout the game that he can see from any position on the field of play the whole of the field of play.”

OTHER MATTERS.

Correspondence with the Irish Free State Football Association and the Secretary to the High Commissioner of the Irish Free State, considered. The Board decided that it was not within the competency of the International Board to deal with the matter.

Referees and Linesmen in International Matches. The Board came to the following Agreement :—

“In International Matches the Referees shall be neutral, and the Linesmen shall be Officials registered as Referees with a National Association.”

Law 13 (b). Decision of the International Board :—

“A player may enquire from a Referee as to his decision, but is not entitled by word or action to show dissent from any such decision. A Referee is required to treat the breach of this Instruction as ungentlemanly behaviour.”

The Board decided that the following Decision be substituted :—

“A player is not entitled by word or action to show dissent from any decision of a Referee. A Referee is required to treat the breach of this Instruction as ungentlemanly behaviour.”

The Chairman was unanimously accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Robert Campbell
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Annual Meeting - Royal Exeter Hotel, Bournemouth
Saturday, 14th June 1930.

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