

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION BOARD

1935

MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

International Football Association Board.

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HELD AT DAISH'S HOTEL, SHANKLIN,

ON 8TH JUNE, 1935.

The following representatives constituted the Board :—

- THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Messrs. W. Pickford (in the Chair), J. McKenna, and S. F. Rous (Secretary) who acted as Secretary to the Meeting.
- THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Messrs. D. Bowie, Col. J. Shaughnessy and Mr. W. Baxter (Acting Secretary).
- THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES—Lt.-Col. J. Ll. Williams, Mr. B. Watts Jones, and Mr. T. Robbins (Secretary).
- THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Messrs. J. MacBride, J. Ferguson, and C. Watson (Secretary).
- FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Dr. P. J. Bauwens, Mons. H. Delaunay and Dr. I. Schricker (Secretary).

Also present—Mr. H. J. Huband, Hon. Treasurer, The Football Association; Mr. J. M. Small, Hon. Treasurer, The Irish Football Association; Messrs. J. Black and D. Gray, The Scottish Football Association.

- 1.—The Minutes of Meeting of the Board held at Cannes on June 9th, 1934, were confirmed.
- 2.—The Members approved that the following telegram be sent to His Majesty The King :—
“The Members of the International Football Association Board assembled at Daish's Hotel, Shanklin, for their Annual Congress, desire to express to Your Majesty their loyal and heartfelt congratulations upon your Silver Jubilee.”
—Pickford, Chairman.”

Later in the Proceedings the following reply was received :—

“I am commanded to thank the members of the International Football Association assembled for their Annual Congress for their loyal congratulations on the King's Silver Jubilee which His Majesty has received with much appreciation.
—Private Secretary.”

- 3.—The Secretary was instructed to write a letter offering the Board's congratulations to Sir Charles Clegg, the President of The Football Association, upon the eighty-fifth anniversary of his birthday—June 15th.
- 4.—The Board passed a Resolution of congratulation to Captain J. M. Wilton, M.C., President of the Irish F.A., upon being elected Mayor of Londonderry.
- 5.—The receipt of the following telegram from the members of the Scottish F.A., touring Canada was reported :—
“Scottish Officials touring Canada send greetings to the Board and best wishes for a successful and happy meeting—Graham.”
The Members expressed appreciation of this kindly greeting.

6.—On behalf of the Members of the Board, Mr. MacBride (Ireland) welcomed Mr. Rous who was attending his first meeting of the Board.

LAWS OF THE GAME.

7.—The following proposal by The Football Association was adopted:—

PRESENT LAW.

Law 13.—A Referee shall be appointed, whose duties shall be to enforce the Laws and decide all disputed points; and his decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned. He shall also keep a record of the game, and act as timekeeper. In the event of any ungentlemanly behaviour on the part of any of the players, the offender or offenders shall be cautioned and if any further offence is committed, or in case of violent conduct without any previous caution, the Referee shall order the offending player or players off the field of play, and shall transmit the name or names of such player or players to his or their National Association, who shall deal with the matter. etc.

ALTERATION.

For the third sentence substitute the following:—
“In the event of any ungentlemanly behaviour on the part of any of the players the offender or offenders shall be cautioned. *If the play has been stopped in consequence of ungentlemanly behaviour by a player it must be resumed by a free-kick in favour of the opposite side.* If any further offence is committed or in case of violent conduct without any previous caution, the Referee shall order the offending player or players off the field of play, and shall transmit the name or names of such player or players to his or their National Association, who shall deal with the matter. etc.

DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD.

8.—The following proposal by The Football Association was adopted:—

DECISION.

Law 13.—(a) Decision of the International Board:—
If a game has been stopped in consequence of ungentlemanly behaviour by a player it must be resumed by a free-kick in favour of the opposite side, whether the player has only been cautioned or sent off the field.

ALTERATION.

Delete the Decision.

(The other Decisions on Law 13 to be re-lettered).

The following proposal by the Irish Football Association was by leave withdrawn:—

PRESENT LAW.

Law 16.

PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Add the following as a Footnote to the Law:—
“In the event of any infringement of this Law the Referee shall notify the offending side that a goal cannot be scored direct from such free-kick.”

AGREEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD.

9.—The following proposal of The Football Association was adopted:—

AGREEMENT, 10th June, 1933:—

In the event of a Claim or Complaint by a Club in membership with one British Association against a Club in membership with another British Association in respect of a breach of the International Board Agreement of June 18th, 1894, the Club making the Claim or Complaint must lodge a deposit fee of £3 with their National Association, and this deposit fee may not be returned if the Claim or Complaint be not sustained. The Association with which the pursuing Club is in membership will, in the first instance, examine the Claim or Complaint, and if satisfied that there is a *prima facie* case, the matter shall be dealt with by a Committee consisting of one Representative of each British Association, whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

ALTERATION.

Last sentence—For the words “by a Committee consisting of one Representative of each British Association” substitute “jointly by the Associations concerned.”

Questions submitted to the International Board.

10.—The following questions were submitted by The Football Association :—

LAW 2. Kick-off.

- (a) The Board to be asked to decide when the duties of a Referee commence prior to the kick-off in a match.
- (b) What course a Referee should take in the event of misconduct by players prior to the kick-off.

The Board decided :—

- (a) That a player or players may not be ordered off the field of play for an offence until the game has been started by a kick-off.
- (b) That in the event of misconduct by a player or players prior to the kick-off the referee must report such misconduct to the governing authority.

11.—The following questions were submitted by the Federation Internationale de Football Association :—

(a) LAW 10. Free-kick.

A player takes a free-kick under Law 10 and then handles the ball before it has been played by another player. He has committed two offences—which must the Referee punish ?

Should the Referee always punish the more serious of two offences ?

(b) LAW 16. Re-starting game after temporary suspension.

If the player handles intentionally the ball before it has touched the ground, what should be the decision of the Referee ?

The Board decided :—

- (a) That the referee must always punish the more serious of two offences.
- (b) That the decision must be a free-kick for handling the ball.

12.—The question of two Referees having officiated in Association Football matches was brought to the notice of the Board who pointed out that no alteration could be made to Law 13 without the prior consent of the Board.

13.—Venue for Board Meeting, 1936. The invitation of the Scottish Football Association to the Board to meet at Orangefield Hotel, Monkton, Ayrshire was accepted.

14.—The Chairman was unanimously accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

James H. Henry

International Association Football Board.

Annual Meeting - held at Daish's Hotel - Shanklin. Sat. June 8. 1935

Present:

England.

W. Vickford
K. McKenna

W. D. Stubbart

S. D. Rous. Secretary.

Douglas Bowie.

Scotland.

J. M. Munn

W. B. Aitken

J. Ferguson

Chas. Aitken

Wales.

P. D. Watts-Jones

J. H. Williams
Robins

Federation
Internationale
de Football

Association

W. H. Williams

H. Delaunay

J. S. Schuster