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THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES
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held at the

MARINE HOTEL, LLANDUDNO

on

SATURDAY, 11th JUNE, 1966

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Secretary.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD held at the MARINE HOTEL, LLANDUDNO, on SATURDAY, 11th JUNE, 1966.

The following constituted the Board:—

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES—Mr. T. E. Russell, F.C.C.S., Mr. G. Owens, Mr. T. H. Squire, Mr. H. Powell, O.B.E. (Secretary) and Mr. E. B. Mumford.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. J. H. W. Mears, Lt.-Col. C. F. Linnitt, C.C., J.P., B.Sc., Mr. J. Richards, J.P., Mr. S. A. Donaldson, Mr. D. Follows, M.B.E., B.A. (Secretary), and Mr. E. M. Miller.

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. T. Reid, Mr. R. B. Thyne, Mr. H. S. Nelson, J.P., Mr. A. W. Strachan and Mr. W. P. Allan, J.P. (Secretary).

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. T. Moorhead, J.P., Mr. G. H. Jones, J.P., and Mr. W. J. Drennan, J.P. (Secretary).

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Sir Stanley Rous, C.B.E., Prof. Dr. M. Andrejevic, Mr. A. Lindenberg, Mr. Koe Ewe Teik, P.J.K., and Dr. H. Kaser (Secretary).

Mr. T. E. Russell, Vice-President of The F.A. of Wales, presided and Mr. H. Powell acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. H. H. Cavan (The Irish Football Association).

The Chairman welcomed the Members to Wales in the eightieth year of the Board and in his opening remarks referred with pleasure to the announcement made earlier in the morning of the Knighthood conferred on Mr. J. Richards by Her Majesty The Queen. He and the Members present congratulated Mr. Richards on such a well deserved honour.

The Chairman also made special reference to:

- (i) The death of Mr. Glyn Jones, Honorary Treasurer of The Football Association of Wales, and a former Member of the Board.
- (ii) The recent death of Mr. F. J. Cochrane, J.P., an Irish Football Association Council Members and former President and also a former Member of the Board.
- (iii) Mr. H. S. Nelson (Vice-President, The Scottish Football Association) and Mr. T. H. Squire (Honorary Treasurer of The F.A. of Wales) who were attending their first Board Meeting.

**(b) PROPOSAL BY THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Law 3—Number of Players

PRESENT LAW

(1) The game shall be played by two teams each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. One of the other players may change places with the goalkeeper during the match provided notice be given to the Referee before such change is made.

(2) Substitutes for players who are injured during a match played under the rules of a competition, and who are unable to continue to play, will only be permitted if the approval of the National Association or International Associations concerned has been obtained.

(3) Substitutes for injured players may be introduced in other matches subject to this arrangement being agreed upon by both teams before the start of the match.

Punishment. If, without the Referee being notified, a player changes to goalkeeper during the game, and then handles the ball within the penalty-area, a penalty-kick shall be awarded.

PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete the present Law and substitute:—

“(1) The game shall be played by two teams each consisting of not more than thirteen players of whom not more than eleven shall take part at any one time. One of the eleven players shall be the goalkeeper. Any player among the ten in the field of play may change places with the goalkeeper during the game provided notice be given to the referee before such change is made.

(2) Each of the two remaining players may replace any player among the eleven only once during the game including extension time, if any.

(3) A player sent off the field by the referee for any infringement shall not be replaced.

Punishment. If, without the referee being notified, a player changes to goalkeeper during the game and then handles the ball within the penalty area, a penalty-kick shall be awarded.”

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

The Committee of Study considered it expedient to examine very closely any change to the above Law.

The Proposal was referred back to the Committee of Study for further examination.

(c) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Law 10—Method of Scoring

PRESENT LAW

Except as otherwise provided by these Laws, a goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal-line, between the goal-posts and under the cross-bar, provided it has not been thrown, carried, or propelled by hand or arm, by a player of the attacking side, except in the case of a goal-keeper, who is within his own penalty-area. Should the cross-bar become displaced for any reason during the game, and the ball cross the goal-line at a point which in the opinion of the Referee, is below where the cross-bar should have been, he shall award a goal.

The team scoring the greater number of goals during a game shall be the winner; if no goals, or an equal number of goals are scored, the game shall be termed a "draw."

PROPOSED ALTERATION

Delete the second sentence, in the first paragraph.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

That the proposal be adopted.

The proposal was adopted by a majority vote.

DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

(a) PROPOSAL BY THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

(i) Law 1—The Field of Play

PRESENT DECISIONS Nos. 4 & 10

(4) The goal-line shall be marked the same width as the depth of the goal-post and the cross-bar (5 inches/12 cm.) so that the line and the posts will conform to the same interior and exterior edges.

(10) So long as the width and depth of 5 inches/12 cm. of the goal-posts and the cross-bar are not exceeded, the goal-posts and the cross-bar may be square, rectangular, round, half round or elliptical in shape.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

Delete and substitute:—

“(4) The goal-line shall be marked the same width as the depth of the goal-posts and the cross-bar (4 inches/10 cm. to 5 inches/12 cm.) so that the line and the posts will conform to the same interior and exterior edges.”

“(10) So long as the width and depth of 4 inches/10 cm. to 5 inches/12 cm. of the goal-posts and the cross-bar are not exceeded, the goal-posts and the cross-bar may be square, rectangular, round, half round or elliptical in shape.”

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

The proposal be accepted with the substitution of the word “Provided” for “So long as” in Decision No. 10.

The proposal was adopted subject to the Committee of Study's recommendation that Decision No. 10 be amended to read as follows:

“(10) Provided the width and depth of 4 inches/10cm. to 5 inches/12cm. of the goal-posts and the cross-bar are not exceeded, the goal-posts and the cross-bar may be square, rectangular, round, half round or elliptical in shape.”

(ii) QUESTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

(A) As to whether goal-posts and cross-bars of any other shape than those quoted in the Board Decision No. 10 to Law 1 are permissible, *e.g.* octagonal goal-posts or square goal-posts with chamfered edges, or if manufacturers are restricted to the five shapes mentioned in Decision No. 10.

(B) Which materials could be used in the manufacture of goal-posts (wood, iron, aluminium, plastic, etc.).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

That the status quo be maintained in (A) and the materials referred to in (B) be restricted to wood or metal.

The Board agreed to the Committee of Study's recommendation that goal-posts and cross-bars in shapes other than those stipulated in Decision No. 10 be not permitted and the materials be restricted to wood or metal.

(b) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Law 1—The Field of Play

PRESENT DECISIONS Nos 8 and 9

(8) In the event of the cross-bar becoming displaced or broken and there is no available means of replacing it, or putting it in order without a danger to the players, if the match is played under the rules of a competition, the match shall be abandoned.

(9) The substitute of the cross-bar by a rope, in order to finish the match, cannot be allowed.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

Delete and substitute:—

“If a cross-bar becomes displaced or broken, play shall be stopped.

In these circumstances, a match which is being played under the rules of a competition shall be abandoned, unless the rules provide otherwise, or unless the cross-bar has been repaired, without leaving any source of danger to the players, or replaced. A rope is not regarded as a satisfactory substitute for a cross-bar in such a match.

In a friendly match, by mutual consent, or in a competitive match, if the rules permit, play may be resumed without the cross-bar, provided it has been removed and no longer constitutes a danger to the players. If, in these circumstances, the ball crosses the goal-line, at a point which, in the opinion of the Referee, is below where the cross-bar should have been, he shall award a goal.

The game shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where it was when play was stopped.”

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

That the proposal be adopted.

The proposal was adopted by a majority vote.

**(c) PROPOSAL BY THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Law 3—Number of Players

PRESENT DECISIONS Nos. 4 & 5

(4) If National Associations decide to allow substitutes in accordance with clauses 2 and 3 of Law III, the Board advises the replacement of the goal-keeper at any time during the match and of one other player before the end of the first-half, if they are injured and unable to take part again in the match, this fact having been confirmed by the Referee.

(5) In International Matches of this character, National Associations shall, before the start of the match, exchange the names of possible substitutes of the goalkeepers.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

Delete the Decision.

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Re-number Decision 6 as 4.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

That the proposal be deferred in view of the recommendation made concerning the Law itself.

The Board agreed that the proposal be referred back to the Committee of Study along with the proposal concerning Law 3.

(d) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Law 10—Method of Scoring

PRESENT DECISION No. 2

(2) A goal cannot in any case be allowed if the ball has been prevented by some outside agency from passing over the goal-line. If this happens in the normal course of play, the game must be stopped and restarted by the referee dropping the ball at the place where the ball came into contact with the interference.

PROPOSED ALTERATION

After the word "play" in line 5, insert:—

"other than at the taking of a penalty kick,"

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

That the proposal be adopted.

The proposal was adopted.

**(e) PROPOSAL BY THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Law 12—Fouls and Misconduct

PRESENT DECISION No. 7

(7) A goalkeeper who, after having taken four steps, touches the ground with the ball without losing contact with it and making it bounce takes further steps infringes this Law and shall be punished by an indirect free-kick.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

Delete the Decision.

Re-number Decisions 8 to 14 as 7 to 13.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

That the proposal be deferred in view of the recommendation made concerning the Law itself.

The Board decided that the proposal be referred back to the Committee of Study along with the proposal concerning Law 12.

(f) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Law 14—Penalty Kick

PRESENT DECISIONS Nos. 6, 7 and 8(g)

(6) If a colleague of the player taking the penalty-kick, encroaches into the penalty-area before the ball is in play, and the ball rebounds into play from the goal-posts, cross-bar or goalkeeper, the Referee shall stop the game and caution the player at fault. The game shall be re-started by an indirect free-kick.

(7) If a player or players of each side encroach into the penalty-area before the ball is in play, the penalty-kick must be retaken.

(8) (g) The ball is stopped in its course by a spectator. The game should be further extended to allow the penalty-kick to be taken properly.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

After the word "area" in line 3 insert:—
"or within 10 yards of the penalty-mark"

After the word "area," in line 2, insert:—
"or within 10 yards of the penalty-mark"

Delete the second sentence.

or insert:—

PROPOSED NEW DECISION No. 9

"(9) If, when a penalty kick has been taken, the ball is stopped in its course, by a spectator, the kick shall be retaken."

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

That the proposal be adopted providing:—

- (i) the words "an outside agent" are substituted for "a spectator" in proposed New Decision No. 9:
- (ii) The Scottish Football Association be asked to consider withdrawing their proposed amendment to Decision No. 8 (g).

The Scottish Football Association's proposed amendment to Decision No. 8 (g) was by leave withdrawn. The proposals were then adopted including the Committee of Study's recommendation concerning proposed new Decision No. 9 which the Board agreed would read:—

"(9) If, when a penalty kick has been taken, the ball is stopped in its course, by an outside agent, the kick shall be retaken."

(g) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Law 15—Throw-in

PROPOSED NEW DECISION No. 3

“(3) If, when a throw-in is being taken, any of the opposing players dance about or gesticulate in a way calculated to distract or impede the thrower, it shall be deemed ungentlemanly conduct, for which the offender(s) shall be cautioned.”

RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE OF STUDY

That the proposal be adopted.

The proposal was adopted.

ANNUAL MEETING 1967

An invitation from The Irish Football Association to meet in Northern Ireland on 17th June, 1967, was accepted.

COMMITTEE OF STUDY

It was agreed that the Committee of Study meet in Belfast, the date being provisionally fixed for Thursday, 29th September, 1966.

FOOTBALLS

1. Mr. Follows (The Football Association) produced materials which had been submitted to him from which it was proposed to manufacture a football which complied with Law 2 of the Laws of the Game, the cost of which would be considerably less than the leather ball used at present.

It was agreed that the manufacturers concerned be requested to forward sample footballs to National Associations for testing in actual matches in order that such Associations could subsequently report the results of the tests to the International Board who would then further consider the question of authorising the use of the ball.

2. Mr. Powell (The Football Association of Wales) raised the question of "patterned" footballs, *i.e.* white with black markings. He said that the practice of using such footballs appeared to be growing and he had heard complaints, particularly from goalkeepers, alleging that they had lost sight of such a ball when it was in flight. Other Members of the Board agreed that such was the case.

Sir Stanley Rous (F.I.F.A.) said that the "patterned" football was originally introduced as an aid to the televising of matches and in view of the question raised he proposed that the Federation Internationale de Football Association should prepare a questionnaire and send it out to their Member Associations to ascertain their views.

This suggested procedure was accepted by the Board.

THE CHAIRMAN

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the Meeting.

MEETING OF THE FOUR BRITISH ASSOCIATIONS

(Present as for the Meeting of the International Board with the exception of the Delegates of the Federation Internationale de Football Association.)

Apprentice Players—Meeting at Venice, 15th June, 1963

The following Minute as recommended by the Secretaries of the Four British Associations at their meeting in Llandudno on 12th January, 1966, was adopted:—

“Apprentice Players. Reference was made to the Minute of the International Board Meeting held in Venice on 15th June, 1963, when the above subject was discussed.

It was felt that the Minute should be clarified and it was, therefore, agreed that, in spite of the views of The Football Association that an apprentice player who had reverted to his amateur status qualified for all the rights of an amateur player and was, therefore, eligible to play in an Amateur International Match, the Board was of the opinion that former apprentices were not eligible to take part in amateur and amateur youth International Matches arranged between the Four British Associations.

The Football Association accepted the majority decision.”

AGREEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

The following Proposal by The Football Association was agreed:—

“That the International Board Agreement of 20th June, 1959, be amended as follows:—

<i>Class of International Match</i>	<i>Fees:</i>	
	<i>Referee</i>	<i>Linesmen</i>
	£	£ s.
Full International Matches	18	9
“B” and Under 23 International Matches	12	6
Amateur International Matches	10	5
Youth (Professional) Matches	10	5
Youth (Amateur) Matches	5	2 10 ”

H. H. Coward
17/6/67.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Llandudno, 11th June, 1966.

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