

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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held at
CAMINO REAL HOTEL, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO
on
FRIDAY, 30th MAY, 1986
at 10.00 Hours

HITZIGWEG 11
P.O. BOX 85
8030 ZURICH
20th March 1986


The General Secretary
FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

This meeting commemorated
the 100th Anniversary of the First Meeting of the International Board
held at The Football Association's rooms
in London, June 2nd, 1886.

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held at
Camino Real Hotel, Mexico City, Mexico
on
Friday, 30th May, 1986
at 10 00 Hours

Present

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Dr. J. Havelange (in the Chair), Messrs. H.H. Cavan, A. d'Almeida, J.S. Blatter

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. F.A. Millichip, A.D. McMullen, J.J. Dunnett, E.A. Croker

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. D.H. Will, P. Gardiner, E. Walker

IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Messrs. S. Walker, E.N. Barry, D.I. Bowen

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES

Messrs. S. Jenkins, A.E. Evans

IN ATTENDANCE

Sir Stanley Rous (FIFA Honorary President), Messrs. P. Pullen (Interpreter), M. Galán (FIFA Executive Assistant)

I. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Dr. Havelange extended a warm welcome to all the delegates, and in particular to Sir Stanley Rous, FIFA Honorary President, wishing them a pleasant stay in Mexico and an enjoyable World Cup.

The FIFA President explained that the meeting celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the first meeting of the International Football Association Board. He added that this anniversary demonstrated the importance of this one hundred year old institution and its excellent work so far accomplished.

The FIFA President pointed out once more the tendency of some National Associations to try and pass over the head of the International F. A. Board in order to introduce certain practices which contravene the Laws of the Game for the sole purpose of favouring their teams which are under pressure by their national team coaches. Dr. Havelange gave his assurance that FIFA would not permit the Laws of the Game – authorised by the International F. A. Board and published by FIFA – to be altered or amended without the consent and approval of the Board. He added that what is more FIFA would take all measures necessary to prevent this.

II. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held at the Culloden Hotel, Craigavad, Northern Ireland on Saturday, 15th June 1985 were confirmed and duly signed.

III LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Proposals and amendments submitted under Rule 3

(1) Proposed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Law III – Number of Players

Present text

- (5) When a goalkeeper or any other player is to be replaced by a substitute, the following conditions shall be observed:
 - (a) the Referee shall be informed of the proposed substitution, before it is made;
 - (b) the substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player he is replacing has left, and then only after having received a signal from the Referee;
 - (c) he shall enter the field during a stoppage in the game, and at the half-way line;
 - (d) a player who has been replaced shall not take any further part in the game;
 - (e) a substitute shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not.

Proposed new text

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 - (d) a player who has been replaced shall not take any further part in the game;
 - (e) a substitute shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not.
 - (f) **a player who is being replaced ceases to be a player and the substitute becomes a player from the moment the game is restarted.**

Reason:

There appears to be some confusion as to whether a substitution is completed at the moment the player being substituted leaves the field of play, or when the substitute actually enters the field of play, or when the ball becomes next in play. The proposed new text is to clarify this situation.

The Scottish Football Association

- (5) When a goalkeeper or any other player is to be replaced by a substitute, the following conditions shall be observed:
- (a) the Referee shall be informed of the proposed substitution, before it is made;
 - (b) the substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player he is replacing has left, and then only after having received a signal from the Referee;
 - (c) he shall enter the field during a stoppage in the game, and at the half-way line;
 - (d) a player who has been replaced shall not take any further part in the game;
 - (e) a substitute shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not.
 - (f) **the substitution is completed when the substitute enters the field of play, from which moment he becomes a player and the player whom he is replacing ceases to be a player.**

The proposal of the Federation is withdrawn in favour of the amendment of the Scottish Football Association.

The amendment submitted by the Scottish Football Association was adopted.

(2) **Proposed by the Football Association**

Law XI – Off-Side

Present text

- (3) A player shall not be declared off-side by the Referee
 - (a) merely because of his being in an off-side position, or
 - (b) if he receives the ball, direct from a goal-kick, a corner-kick, a throw-in, or when it has been dropped by the Referee.

Proposed new text

- (3) A player shall not be declared off-side by the Referee
 - (a) merely because of his being in an off-side position, or
 - (b) if he receives the ball, direct from a goal-kick, a corner-kick, a throw-in, **a free-kick**, or when it has been dropped by the Referee.

Reason:

Free kicks result from fouls or misconduct offences. The alteration in the law will assist further the non-offending team and also generate more action near goal, with resulting greater excitement for players and spectators.

The proposal of the Football Association was not adopted.

(3) **Proposed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association**

Law XIV – Penalty-Kick

Present text

A penalty-kick shall be taken from the penalty-mark and, when it is being taken, all players with the exception of the player taking the kick, and the opposing goalkeeper, shall be within the field of play but outside the penalty-area, and at least 10 yards from the penalty-mark. (...)

Proposed new text

A penalty-kick shall be taken from the penalty-mark and, when it is being taken, all players with the exception of the player taking the kick, **properly identified**, and the opposing goalkeeper, shall be within the field of play but outside the penalty-area, and at least 10 yards from the penalty-mark. (...)

Reason:

If the player who is about to take a penalty-kick is properly identified, i.e. is recognizable both to the referee and the goalkeeper, it will prevent any other player from his team from taking the kick instead of him, as has been the case when a player has taken the kick from some distance, leaving the penalty-area and the arc of the circle to do so.

The proposal of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association was adopted.

IV ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(1) Submitted by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Law III – Number of Players, item (3) of the decisions of the International Football Association Board

The possibility of all the other players, who do not form part of the eleven fielded players, being selected as substitutes (within the framework of a FIFA competition, for which it is requested at the start of the same to enter more than 16 players), will be discussed by the FIFA Referees' Committee which, if the case may be, will submit a concrete proposal to this effect to the 1987 International F.A. Board annual meeting.

(2) Submitted by the Football Association

Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct, item (5) of the Law

The Board is of the opinion that, for the present time, the Law is clear and does not require further explanation or amendment.

(3) Submitted by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Law XIV – Penalty-Kick

FIFA will present a concrete proposal to the 1987 International F.A. Board regarding the standardised wording of this Law.

(4) Submitted by the Football Association

Law XV – Throw-in

The Football Association will present a concrete proposal concerning the amendment of this Law to the 1987 International F.A. Board annual meeting.

(5) Submitted by the Football Association

Taking of kicks from the Penalty-Mark (Knock-out Competitions – Obtaining a Result)

The International F.A. Board thinks that it is not necessary at the present time to alter or amend the procedure regarding the taking of kicks from the penalty-mark to decide the winner.

V. 1987 Meeting of the International Football Association Board

The 1987 meeting of the International F. A. Board will take place on 13 June, 1987 in Wales.

VI. Other Business

There were no comments under this item.

Dr. Havelange thanked the members for their efficient work and invited them to attend the celebrations of the 100th Anniversary of the first International F. A. Board meeting and the official banquet both to take place that evening. He then closed the meeting.

Mr. Millichip thanked the FIFA for its warm hospitality and congratulated the FIFA President for the efficient manner in which he had chaired the meeting. He concluded by expressing the wish that the 1986 World Cup would prove a great success.

For G Pursey at F.A.C.



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