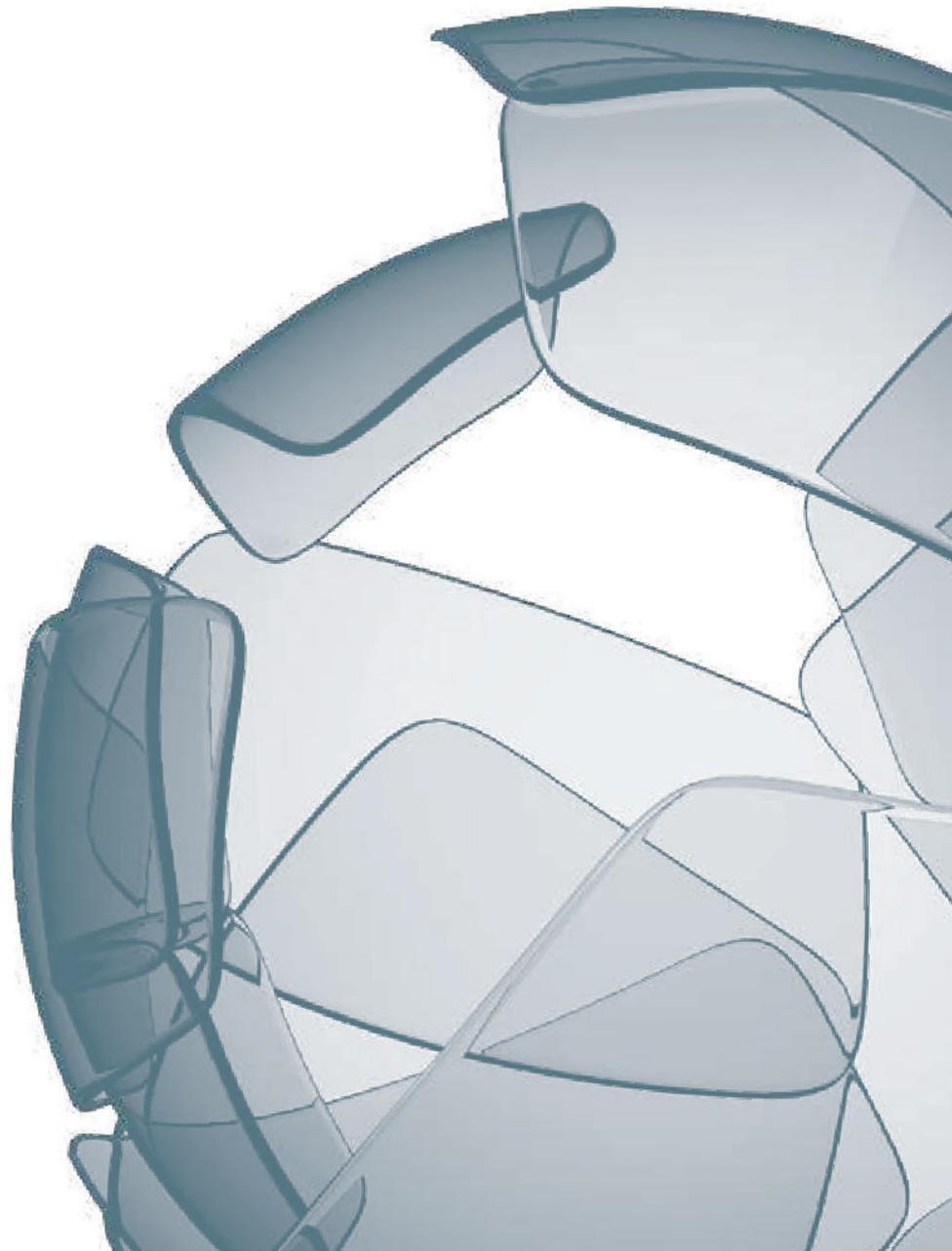


1905

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



# The International Football Association Board.

## Minutes of Annual ~~General~~ Meeting

HELD AT

THE LAKE HOTEL, KILLARNEY,

ON SATURDAY, 17th JUNE, 1905, at 9 o'clock.

MR. D. W. FOY, PRESIDING.



The following representatives were present, viz.:—Messrs. C. Crump and R. P. Gregson (England), R. Dixon and J. K. M'Dowall (Scotland), J. Davies and E. T. Hallmark (Wales), and D. W. Foy and Jas. Sheehan (Ireland). Messrs. W. Nunnerley (Wales), and C. M'Shane (Ireland) were also in attendance, the latter acting as Secretary.

### MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous Meeting held at Bangor (North Wales), were read and confirmed.

### PROPOSALS ARISING OUT OF LAST MINUTES.

No modified undertaking was proposed in place of the following Resolution rescinded at the last meeting:—

“That any case of misconduct on the part of clubs, players, or officials which may occur in connection with any match, shall be dealt with by the Association under whose jurisdiction the match is played, and each Association shall adopt and carry out the decision of the other with regard to such cases.”

Mr. Crump reported in respect of the recommendations of the last Meeting to delete the word “gutta percha” from Law 11, and to extend the provisions of Law 12 as regards ungentlemanly behaviour, to apply to Clubs, Officials, and others, that his Annual Meeting could not fall in with the suggestions, and no alteration was proposed. The remaining recommendations as to Laws 9 and 10 are included in the proposed amendments to be submitted to this Meeting.

### PROPOSALS.

The following amendments to the Laws were proposed on behalf of The Football Association by Mr. Crump, and seconded by Mr. Gregson, and passed unanimously:—

LAW 1.—Insert after the words “more than 28 inches”—*The outer casing of the ball must be of leather, and no material shall be used in the construction of the ball which would constitute a danger to the players.*

LAW 9.—To read as follows:—

Neither tripping, kicking, nor jumping at a player shall be allowed. A player (the goal-keeper excepted), shall not intentionally handle the ball. A player shall not use his hands to hold or push an opponent. *Charging is permissible, but it must not be violent or dangerous.* A player shall not be charged from behind unless he is intentionally *obstructing* an opponent.

LAW 10.—To read as follows:—

*When a free kick has been awarded, the kicker's opponents shall not approach within 6 yards of the ball unless they are standing on their own goal line. The ball must at least be rolled over before it shall be considered played—i.e., it must make a complete circuit or travel the distance of its circumference. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player. The kick-off (except as provided by Law 2), corner-kick and goal-kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this Law.*

New Law to be numbered 11 and the others to be numbered accordingly :—

*A goal may be scored from a free kick which is awarded because of any infringement of Law 9, but not from any other free kick.*

LAW 15.—To read as follows :—

In the event of any temporary suspension of play from any cause, the ball not having gone into touch or behind the goal line, the Referee shall throw the ball *down* where it was when play was suspended, and it shall be in play when it has touched the ground. If the ball goes into touch or behind the goal line before it is played by a player, the Referee shall again throw it *down*. The players on either side shall not play the ball until it has touched the ground.

LAW 16.—Delete the words “be within the goal area” and substitute “*not advance beyond his goal line.*”

LAW 16.—Add at the end of the Law :—

*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.*

Definitions of Free Kick, and Place Kick to read as follows :—

A Place Kick is a kick at the ball while it is on the ground in the centre of the field of play.

A Free Kick is a kick at the ball in any direction the player pleases, when it is lying on the ground.

A Place Kick, a Free Kick, or a *Penalty Kick* must not be taken until the Referee has given a signal for same.

The addition proposed by the Football Association to decisions of the International Board, that Linesmen where neutral shall report the circumstances of a player being sent off the field, was withdrawn for the present by Mr. Crump upon application from other representatives.

#### RESOLUTION.

The Scottish Football Association requested the permission of the Board to delegate power to the Scottish League to deal with players reported for rough play in their matches.

The following resolution on the proposition of Mr. Gregson, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, was passed unanimously :—

That it is decidedly contrary to the Laws of the Game and the terms of the Agreement of the 17th June, 1895, to allow Leagues to deal with Players or Clubs for offences on the field, or breaches of the Laws of the Game or of the Rules of the Associations, and this Board cannot accede to the request of the Scottish Football Association to modify the Agreement.

Mr. Sheehan brought before the Board the fact that it was becoming the practice of the different Associations to send their Secretaries to the Meetings of the Board, a practice he agreed with and he desired the matter put on a proper footing. A number of the other representatives agreed that the practice was beneficial, and the following resolution was passed unanimously :—

That we advise the respective Associations constituting this Board that they may, if they consider it necessary, have their Secretaries in attendance at the Board Meetings as Secretaries of such Associations, but without any voting power on any matter under discussion.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Board that the representatives of the respective Associations should not be changed more frequently than is absolutely necessary, inasmuch as the work of the Board is facilitated and rendered more satisfactory by the representatives having knowledge of the various discussions which occur year after year, and being closely in touch with the method of procedure, thus ensuring continuity of policy.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding

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June 9 1895  
D. W. HOY, CHAIRMAN.  
C. M'SHANE, SECRETARY.

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