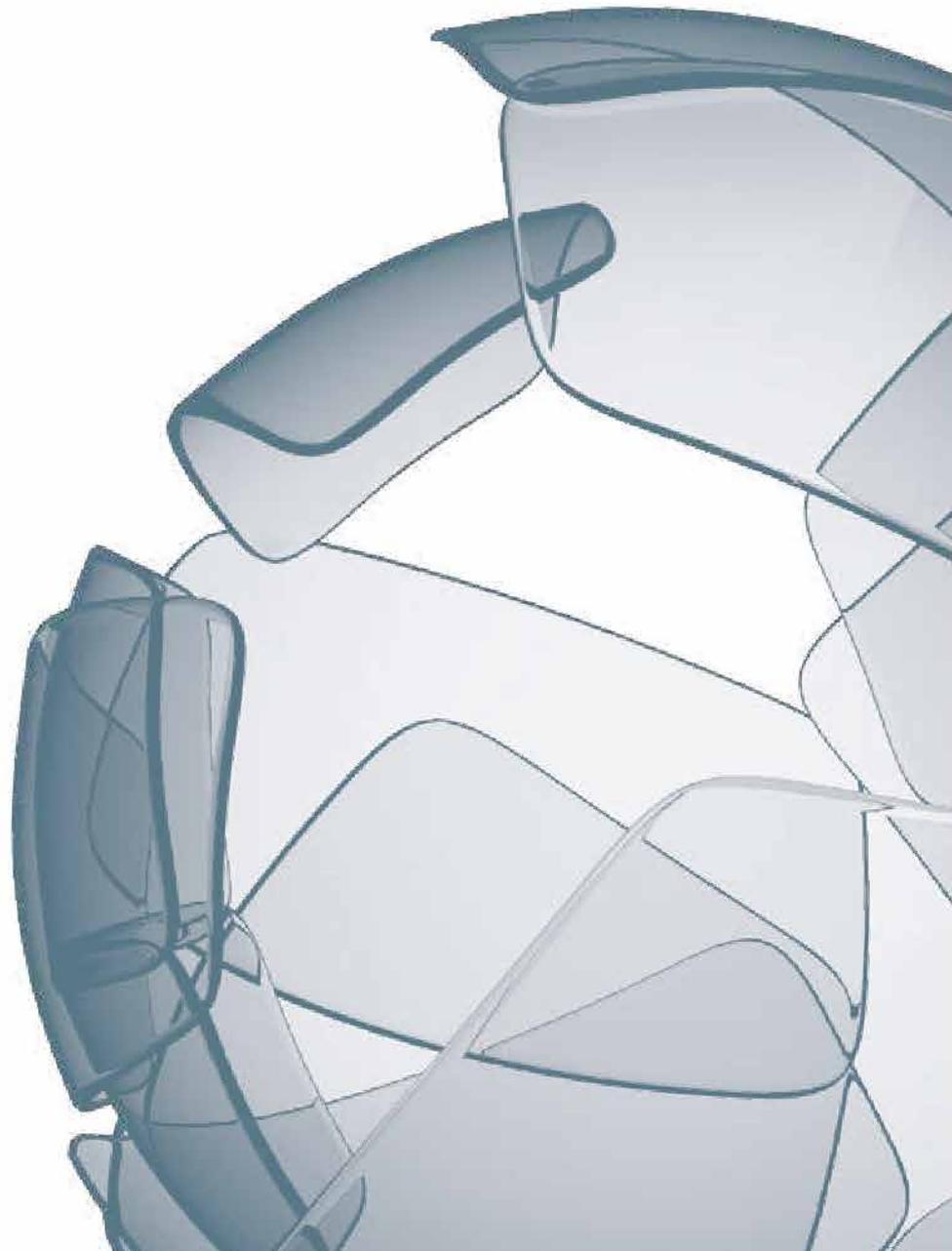


1955

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





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**THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD**  
HELD AT THE MARINE HOTEL, NORTH BERWICK,  
ON SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE, 1955 AT 10.30 A.M.

The following constituted the Board :—

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. H. S. Swan, J.P., and Mr. J. W. Park. Attending—Mr. R. Williamson, J.P., (*Treasurer*) and Sir George Graham, O.B.E., D.L., J.P. (*Secretary*).

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. A. Drewry, C.B.E., J.P., and Lt. Col. C. F. Linnitt—Attending—Mr. L. C. Tyte (*Treasurer*), Sir Stanley Rous, C.B.E., J.P. (*Secretary*) and Mr. E. M. Miller.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES— Mr. M. Jenkins and Mr. E. Morgan. Attending—Mr. H. Powell (*Secretary*).

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Mr. F. J. Cochrane and Mr. J. MacBride. Attending—Mr. W. R. Hewitt (*Treasurer*) and Mr. W. J. Drennan (*Secretary*).

LA FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION— Signor E. Coppola and Dr. Andrejevic. Attending—Mr. K. Gassmann (*Secretary*).

Mr. H. S. Swan presided and Sir George Graham acted as Secretary to the meeting—

The Chairman welcomed the Board to Scotland and made special reference to the following items :—

- (a) the death since last meeting of Mr. J. Calvin Hughes (Hon. Treasurer of The F.A. of Wales).
- (b) the retiral for health reasons of Sir Amos Brook Hirst as Chairman of the Council of The Football Association.
- (c) congratulated Mr. Arthur Drewry on his appointment as successor to Sir Amos Brook Hirst.
- (d) the illness of Mons. H. Delauney who had been the representative of F.I.F.A. on the Board since 1924. The Chairman asked that the good wishes of the Board for a complete recovery be sent to Mons. Delaunay.
- (e) welcome to Dr. Andrejevic on attending his first meeting of the Board.
- (f) expressed the gratification of the Board at the recovery from illness of Mr. F. J. Cochrane (Irish F.A.)
- (g) congratulated Sir George Graham on his appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of the City of Glasgow.

Telegrams of good wishes were sent to Mr. R. W. Seeldrayers (President of F.I.F.A.) and Mons. H. Delaunay (F.I.F.A.).

The Minutes of the Annual meeting held at Berne were received and were approved after altering paragraph 2 under heading Laws of the Game by deleting " was rejected by 3—2 votes " and substituting therefor " receiving three votes for and two against " was not carried, the requisite majority under Rule VII not being obtained."

#### LAWS OF THE GAME.

The Board considered the proposals lodged in accordance with Rule III of the Board rules, viz. :—

Proposal by The Scottish Football Association to delete 3rd and 4th sentences (in parenthesis) in Law 3, and to substitute therefor the following—

" Substitutes shall not be permitted in any match played under the rules of a competition. In International matches, if the goalkeeper is injured at any time during the match to such an extent that he is unable to take any further part in the match, another player shall be allowed to replace him for the unexpired portion of the match. A substitute will likewise be allowed for any one other player who is similarly injured during the first half of the match and unable to continue. In a friendly match substitutes may be allowed subject to an arrangement being agreed upon by both teams before the start of the match."

The Board decided to adjourn the matter for further consideration.

Proposal by The Scottish Football Association re : Law 12 in the following terms—

Section 2. Delete word ' five ' and substitute ' four ', making it read—" A player committing any of the four following offences " ; delete the following number (3) " when not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent, *i.e.*, running between the opponent and the ball, or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent " ; and re-number " (4) " and " (5) " as " (3) " and " (4) ".

#### *Alternative Proposal.*

Law 12—section (1) (g)—delete and substitute :—" (g) Holds an opponent (a) with his hand : (b) with any part of his arm : (c) with his body."

Law 12—section 2.—Delete word " five " in opening sentence and substitute word " four ". Delete paragraph " (3) " and renumber paragraphs " (4) " and " (5) " as " (3) " and " (4) ".

Voting 3 for ; 2 against. The proposal was therefore not carried by the requisite majority.

The following proposal by The Football Association was unanimously passed :—

Law 4 amended to read as follows :—

#### **Players' Equipment.**

A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player. Boots must conform to the following standard :—

- (a) Bars and studs may be made of leather, soft rubber, aluminium, plastic, or similar material ; if nails are used they shall be driven in flush with the surface.
- (b) Bars shall be transverse and flat, not less than half-an-inch in width and they shall extend the total width of the boot and be rounded at the corners.

- (c) Studs shall be round in plan and not less than half-an-inch in diameter. Where studs are tapered the minimum diameter of any section of a stud must not be less than half-an-inch. Where metal seating for the screw type is used, this seating must be embedded in the sole of the boot and any attachment screw shall be part of the stud. Other than the metal seating for the screw type of stud, no metal plates, even though covered with leather or rubber shall be worn; neither studs which are threaded to allow them to be screwed on to a base screw that is fixed by nails or otherwise to the soles of boots, nor studs with any form of protruding edge, rim or relief marking or ornament shall be allowed.
- (d) Combined bars and studs may be worn, provided the whole conforms to the general requirements of this law; neither bars or studs on the soles or heels shall project more than three quarters of an inch.

(N.B.—The usual equipment of a player consists of a jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings and boots. A goalkeeper shall wear colours which distinguish him from the other players.)

**Punishment.**—For any infringement of this Law, the player at fault shall be sent off the field of play to adjust his equipment and he shall not return without first reporting to the Referee, who shall satisfy himself that the player's equipment is in order; the player shall only re-enter the game at a moment when the ball has ceased to be in play.

The following proposal was withdrawn :—

Law 15— the words " must face " occurring in the second sentence be deleted and the words " shall stand facing " be substituted therefor.

#### MISCELLANEA.

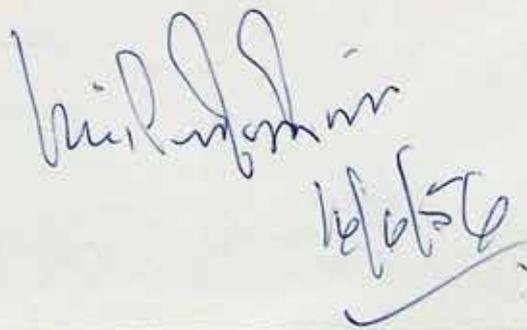
The Football Association of Wales intimated that the venue of the Annual meeting in 1956 would be Llandudno.

The Chairman was accorded a vote of thanks for presiding.

At a subsequent meeting of the representatives of the four British Associations, it was agreed

- (a) not to depart from the present qualification for players in International matches who are British subjects born abroad; and
- (b) that the following fees be paid to professional players in International and Representative matches, viz :—

	<i>Players</i>	<i>Reserves</i>
Full International .....	£50	£30
' B ' Tour matches forming part of an ' A ' tour in which full International players are taking part .....	£30	£30
' B ' Internationals .....	£15	£10
Under ' 23 ' (colts) .....	£15	£10
Representative Matches .....	£6	£6
Youth representative matches (excluding British Youth Championship) .....	£2	£2


  
 Bill Johnson
   
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INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING  
at  
Marine Hotel, North Berwick

18th June, 1955

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 Stanley Davis.      Emmerton.

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