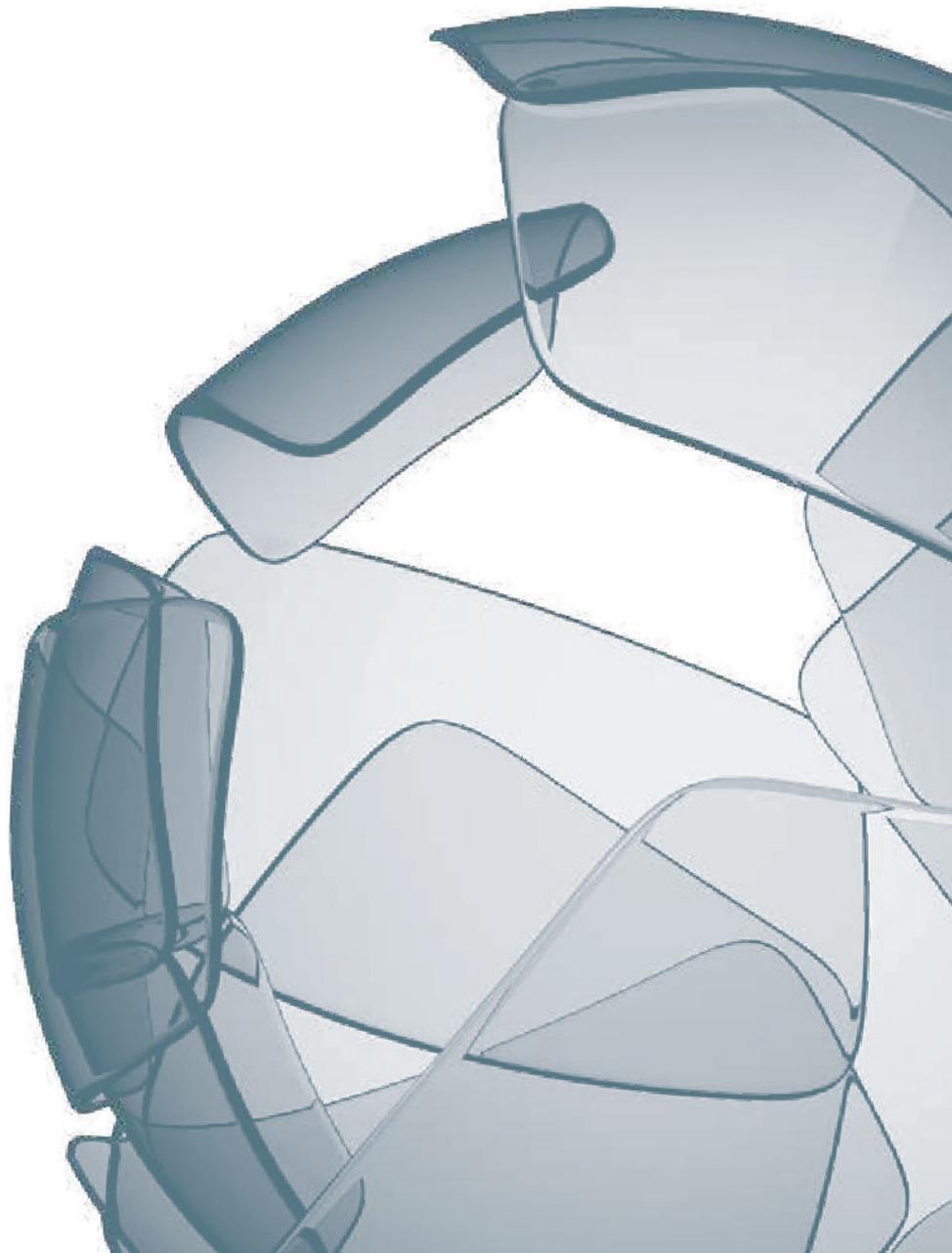
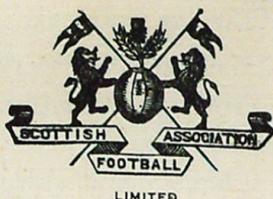


1949

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





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**THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD**

HELD AT THE HYDRO HOTEL, PITLOCHRY,  
ON SATURDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1949 AT 10 A.M.

The following constituted the Board :—

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Messrs. John Lamb, J.P. and R. A. Kirkwood (*Hon. Treasurer*) with Mr. W. P. Allan (*Assistant Secretary*).

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Messrs. A. Brook Hirst, O.B.E. and A. Drewry, J.P. with Mr. H. J. Huband, J. P. (*Hon. Treasurer*) and Sir S. F. Rous, C.B.E. (*Secretary*).

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES—Messrs. B. Watts Jones and J. Calvin Hughes (*Hon. Treasurer*) with Mr. H. Powell (*Secretary*).

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Messrs. F. J. Cochrane and J. MacBride with Mr. W. R. Hewitt (*Hon. Treasurer*).

LA FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—Messrs. D. Eie and H. Delaunay with Dr. J. I. Schricker (*Secretary*).

Mr. J. Lamb presided and Mr. W. P. Allan acted as Secretary.

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

- (a) the absence from the meeting of Messrs. H. S. Swan, J.P. the new Scottish Football Association representative, M. Jenkins (F.A. of Wales) and J. M. Small, O.B.E. (Irish F.A.)
- (b) the loss sustained by The Football Association and all British Football by the death of Mr. W. C. Cuff, President of The Football League and Vice-President of The Football Association.
- (c) Congratulations to Sir Stanley F. Rous, C.B.E., and to Mr. J. M. Small on the honours of Knight Bachelor and Order of the British Empire, conferred on them respectively by H.M. The King.
- (d) Congratulations to Mr. A. Drewry on his appointment as President of The Football League and a welcome to him on the first occasion on which he had attended the Board as a representative of The Football Association.
- (e) the golden weddings of Hon. Sheriff and Mrs. David Gray and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Huband which had taken place since the last Board Meeting.
- (f) the receipt of a telegram from America conveying greetings from The Scottish Football Association Touring Party ; appreciation of the message was expressed.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 12th June, 1948 held at Montreux were held as read and adopted.

## LAWS OF THE GAME.

The following proposals on the Laws of the Game were considered :—

## (1) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION :—

Law 1, paragraph 4—to delete and substitute :—

“ 4. The Penalty Area.—At each end of the field of play there shall be an area called the penalty area. This shall be formed by drawing a semi-circle extending into the field of play, with a radius of 22 yards from a point on the goal-line in the centre of the goal. A suitable mark shall be made within each penalty area 12 yards from the mid-point of the goal-line, measured along an undrawn line at right angles thereto. These shall be the penalty-kick marks.”

THE PROPOSAL WAS, UPON A DIVISION, DECLARED TO BE LOST.

## (2) PROPOSAL BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION :—

Law 3—delete the third sentence and substitute therefor :—

“ In event of the goalkeeper being injured to such an extent that he is unable to take any further part in the match, a substitute shall be allowed, but the substitute player shall not be compelled to take the goalkeeper's position in his team.”

THE PROPOSAL WAS, UPON A DIVISION, DECLARED TO BE LOST.

## (3) PROPOSAL BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION :—

Law 3—delete paragraph in parenthesis and substitute therefor :—

(An International Match in which *any two* of the four British Associations are playing is deemed a match under the rules of a Competition.)

THE PROPOSAL WAS, UPON A DIVISION, DECLARED TO BE LOST.

## (4) PROPOSAL BY LA FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION :—

Law 12—delete and substitute therefor :—

A player who intentionally commits any of the following nine offences :—

- (a) Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent ;
- (b) Trips an opponent, *i.e.*, throwing or attempting to throw him by the use of the legs or by stooping in front of or behind him ;
- (c) Jumps at an opponent ;
- (d) Charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner ;
- (e) Charges an opponent from behind unless the latter be obstructing ;
- (f) Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent ;
- (g) Holds an opponent with his hand or any part of his arm ;
- (h) Pushes an opponent with his hand or any part of his arm ;
- (i) Handles the ball, *i.e.*, carries, strikes or propels the ball with his hand or arm. (This does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area.) ;

shall be penalised by the award of a **direct free-kick** to be taken by the opposing side from the place where the offence occurred.

Should a player of the defending side intentionally commit one of the above nine offences within the penalty area he shall be penalised by a **penalty-kick**.

A penalty-kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball, if in play, at the time an offence within the penalty-area is committed.

A player committing any of the four following offences :—

1. Playing in a manner considered by the Referee to be dangerous, *e.g.*, attempting to kick the ball while held by the goalkeeper ;
  2. Charging fairly, *i.e.*, with the shoulder, when the ball is not within playing distance of the players concerned and they are definitely not trying to play it ;
  3. Charging the goalkeeper except when he—
    - (a) is holding the ball ;
    - (b) is obstructing an opponent ;
    - (c) has passed outside his goal-area.
  4. When playing as goalkeeper, carrying the ball, *i.e.*, taking more than four steps while holding the ball without bouncing it on the ground. ;
- shall be penalised by the award of an **indirect free-kick** to be taken by the opposing side from the place where the infringement occurred.

A player shall be **cautioned** if :—

- (j) he joins his team after the game has commenced, returns to the field while the game is in progress without reporting to the Referee or without waiting for a stoppage of the game. If the game has been stopped (to administer the caution) it shall be restarted by the Referee dropping the ball at the place where the infringement occurred, but if the player has committed a more important offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the Law infringed ;
- (k) he persistently infringes the Laws of the Game ;
- (l) he shows by word or action, dissent from any decision given by the Referee ;
- (m) he is guilty of ungentlemanly conduct.

For any of these three last offences, in addition to the caution an **indirect free-kick** shall also be awarded to the opposing side from the place where the offence occurred.

A player shall be **sent off** the field of play :—

- (n) if he is guilty of violent conduct, *i.e.*, using foul or abusive language, or if, in the opinion of the Referee, he is guilty of serious foul play ;
- (o) if he persists in misconduct after having received a caution.

If play be stopped by reason of a player being ordered from the field for an offence without a separate breach of the Law having been committed, the game shall be resumed by an **indirect free-kick** awarded to the opposing side from the place where the infringement occurred.

THE PROPOSAL WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

(5) PROPOSAL BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION :

Law 12—proposal to amend punishment for offence under section (i)—old wording of Law 12—was withdrawn.

(6) RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION :—

Laws 1 and 11.

“ That permission be granted by the Board to the British National Associations to depart from Laws 1 and 11 in public trial matches played prior to the opening of their respective playing seasons 1949-50 by the substitution of the following arrangements :—

- (1) In place of the present halfway line, two lines shall be drawn across the field of play dividing the playing area into three equal parts (Law 1).
- (2) A player of an attacking side shall only be offside in his opponents' defence area (*i.e.*, the third section of the field in which the goal is situated) and then only if at the moment the ball is last played he has fewer than three opponents nearer their own goal-line, subject to the exceptions in paragraphs (c) and (d) of the present Law. (Law 11).”

The Board raised no objection and the matter was left to each association to decide for themselves.



INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

The Hydro Hotel, Pitlochry, Scotland.

Saturday, 11th June, 1949.

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