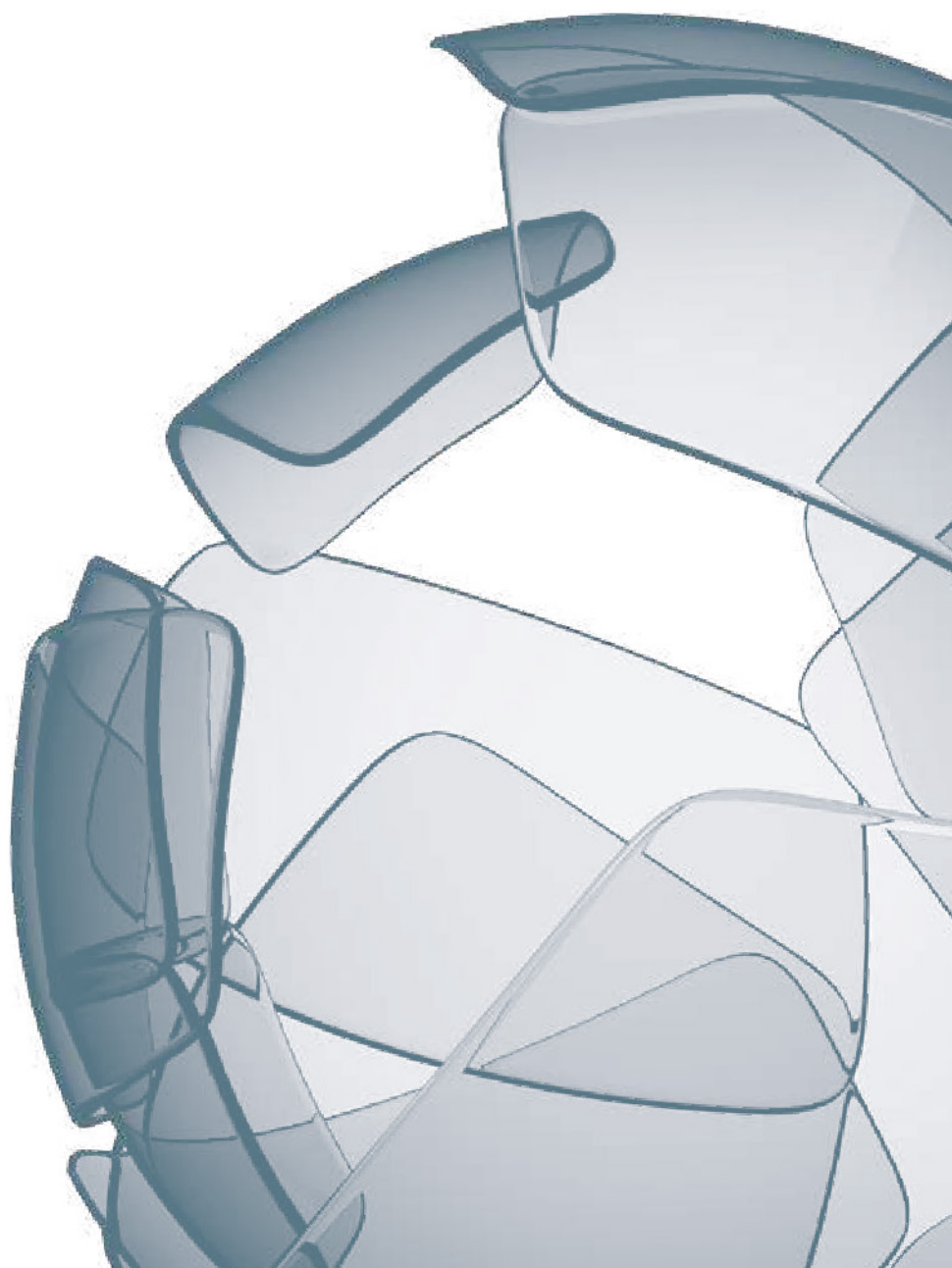


1976

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES
LIMITED**



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THE ANNUAL MEETING**

OF

**THE INTERNATIONAL
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD**

held at

THE SEABANK HOTEL, PORTHCAWL

on

FRIDAY, 18th JUNE, 1976

3, FAIRY ROAD,
WREXHAM.

Secretary.

The following constituted the Board:—

Federation Internationale de Football Association:

Dr. J. Havelange
Mr. Koe Ewe Teik
Dr. R. Barde
Dr. H. Kaser (*Secretary*)
Mr. P. J. Pullen (*Interpreter*)

The Football Association:

Sir Andrew Stephen, M.B., Ch.B.,
Mr. A. D. McMullen, M.B.E.
Mr. E. A. Croker (*Secretary*)
Mr. D. Hawes (*Deputy Secretary*)

The Scottish Football Association:

Mr. R. G. Grimshaw
Mr. J. J. Grant
Mr. W. P. Allan, C.B.E., J.P., (*Secretary*)

The Irish Football Association:

Mr. H. H. Cavan
Mr. S. Walker
Mr. W. T. Kennedy
Mr. W. J. Drennan, J.P., (*Secretary*)

The Football Association of Wales:

Mr. T. H. Squire
Mr. L. Withers
Mr. R. G. Jones
Mr. T. Morris, O.B.E., D.F.M., (*Secretary*)
Mr. E. B. Mumford (*Chief Clerk*)

Mr. T. H. Squire, President of The Football Association of Wales, presided and Mr. Trevor Morris acted as Secretary to the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all delegates, particularly to Dr. Barde, who was attending his first Board Meeting, and to Dr. Havelange, the F.I.F.A. President, who was visiting Wales for the first time. He regretted that Mr. Sandor Barcs (F.I.F.A.) had been prevented, at the last moment, from travelling to Porthcawl.

It was with sadness that Mr. Squire referred to the death of Mr. Bill Lindsay (Vice-President, The Scottish F.A.) and extended condolences to Mr. Lindsay's colleagues and family.

The Chairman went on to say that he regretted the duration of the Board was shorter than usual owing to the clash of dates, not only with the European Football Championship Finals in Yugoslavia, but also with the U.E.F.A. Congress in Stockholm. In view of the shortness of the visit of the delegates to Wales, perhaps it was fitting therefore that the Agenda too was shorter than usual.

He was sure that Sir Andrew Stephen would forgive him for making reference to the fact that it was the last time that Sir Andrew would officially attend an International Board Meeting as, after a long and invaluable innings, he intended to declare. Mr. Squire was sure that the Board would miss the value of Sir Andrew's wisdom and experience and the vacant place on the Board will be difficult to fill.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Auchterarder, Scotland on 21st June, 1975, were adopted.

MATTERS ARISING

Proposed amended Text — Laws of the Game

It was agreed that the Editorial Committee meet immediately after the conclusion of the meeting to draw up a timetable whereby the official draft of the amended text of the Laws of the Game could be prepared for submission to the next Annual Meeting, to be held in June 1977.

LAWS OF THE GAME

LAW III — NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Present Law

2. Substitutes may be used in any match played under the rules of a competition, subject to the following conditions:-

Proposed Alteration

Delete and substitute:-

2. Substitutes may be used in any match played under the rules of an official competition at FIFA, Confederation or National Association level, subject to the following conditions:-

The proposal was adopted.

LAW XIII — FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Present Law

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;

Proposed Alteration

Delete and substitute:-

3. When not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent, *i.e.*, running between him and the ball or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent, without making physical contact.

Amendment submitted by The Scottish Football Association

Delete and substitute:-

3. When not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent by running between him and the ball, or by interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to him, without there being, in either case, physical contact between the players.

The proposal was withdrawn.

DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

LAW IV — PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

PROPOSAL BY THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**Present Decision 6**

A player who has been prevented from taking part in a game or who has been sent off because of an infringement of Law 4, and who enters or re-enters the field of play to join or rejoin his team in breach of the conditions of Law 12, shall be cautioned.

If the Referee stops the game to administer the caution, the game shall be restarted by an indirect free-kick, taken by a player of the opposing side, from the place where the offending player was when the Referee stopped the game.

Proposed Alteration

Delete corresponding paragraph and substitute:-

If the Referee stops the game to administer the caution, the game shall be restarted by an indirect free-kick, taken by a player of the opposing side, from the place where the ball was when the Referee stopped the game.

The proposal was adopted.

MISCELLANEA

A specimen "Football Stud Trimmer" submitted by Knight Developments Ltd., was examined and noted.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING 1977

After Mr. H. H. Cavan had stated that, in the prevailing circumstances, The Irish Football Association felt it advisable not to extend an invitation, The Football Association, next on the rota, were delighted to do so. It was then agreed that the next Annual Meeting be held on Wednesday, 22nd June, 1977, the venue to be fixed at a later date by The Football Association.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. W. P. Allan said that, in 1972, The International Board had decided that experiments in the Laws of the Game would not be permitted unless sanctioned by the Board itself. Since then, many competition matches had been played where such experiments took place without the Board's approval. He thought it was now time to reiterate the Minute of 1972.

Dr. Kaser agreed that such experiments had been conducted in certain Youth Tournaments, mainly for educational purposes.

These included:-

- (a) Players being 'suspended' from taking part in a match for limited periods.
- (b) Experiments with 'short corners'.
- (c) 'Throw-ins' being replaced with 'kick-ins'.

After taking into consideration that the Board meets only once a year, it was agreed to relax the regulation adopted in 1972 and to authorise FIFA to approve certain experiments in the Laws of the Game which afterwards should be reported to the Board. Mr. Croker was of the view that representatives of the Board should be invited to see matches when such experiments took place so that opinions could be formed before the Board next met. This was agreed.

PRESIDENT OF F.I.F.A.

Before the meeting concluded, Dr. Havelange made a short speech, translated as follows:-

“Mr. President, Members of the Board

I think I have followed practically the whole discussion in English which is something I sincerely hope at the next meeting I will be able to speak in English, at least understandably. My first point is to thank you from the bottom of my heart not only for myself but on behalf of my colleagues from FIFA, for the tremendous hospitality that we have been subjected to from the moment we arrived in England and also from the moment we arrived in Wales. The second point is to thank you in my wife's name for the welcome by members of the Board and also from the ladies. I would also like to explain the absence of Dr. Sandor Barcs, of the Referees' Committee, who was on the point of leaving Stockholm for this country but private business forced his return to his own country.

Another point which makes us extremely unhappy is that, during this meeting of the International Board and future meetings, by circumstances of life we won't have with us someone who we had much appreciated, Mrs. Silvia Kaser, wife of our General Secretary. I would therefore ask the Chairman to grant permission for all Members to stand for one minute's silence. (The Members then observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the late Silvia Kaser).

I would also like to return for a minute to last year and repeat again how impressed I was to be present for the first time at the International Board Meeting in Gleneagles. A productive meeting, during which I had the opportunity of getting to know the Board, its Members, organisation, its work and its great interest in the actual Laws of the Game. Undoubtedly, this organisation in the world where we live in, as long as we maintain it, will gain the strength and respect of the football world in general. I would repeat this again here in Wales. I would like to state in FIFA's name, the Referees' Committee and my own name, the respect we have for this institution and for the work they are doing, and in closing, Gentlemen, just one more word. Please continue to work and to fight as obviously your predecessors did for the last hundred years and which you are doing now, and will continue to do, for the preservation and continuation of the greatest sport in the World. I feel that this tremendous mutual friendship we have for each other and understanding is too great to be lost. I am looking forward again to meeting you all in 1977 when we will be received by our colleagues of the English Football Association.”

H. W. Humphreys
June 19. 1977

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

at Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl - 18th June, 1976

Delegates

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