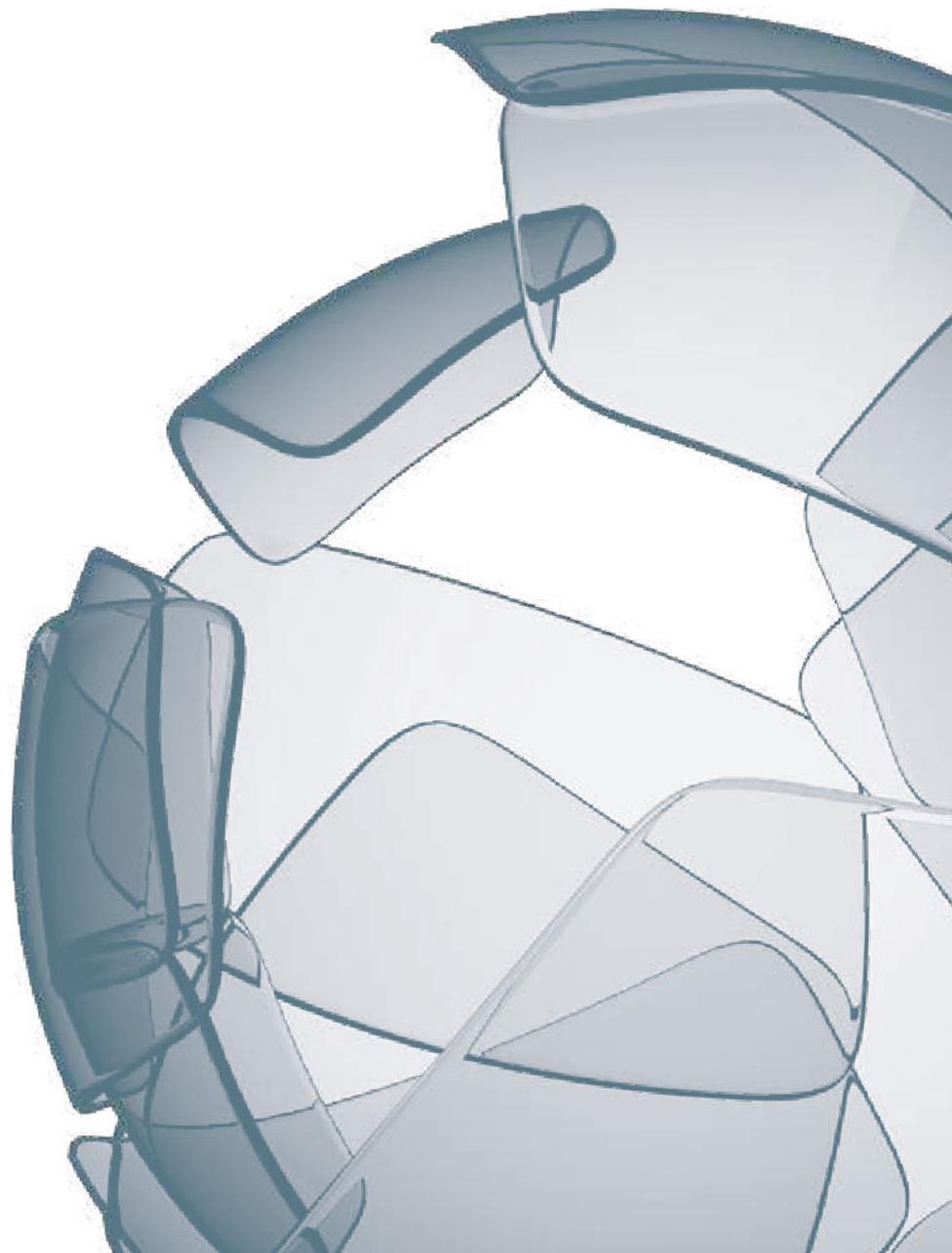


1979

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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of

The International Football Association Board

HELD AT GLENEAGLES HOTEL, AUCHTERARDER, ON 16th June, 1979.

The following constituted the Board:—

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—

Dr. J. Havelange
Dr. A. Franchi
Mr. J. A. Mowat, M.B.E.
Mr. F. Seipelt
Dr. H. Kaeser (Secretary)
Mr. P. J. Pullen (Interpreter)

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—

Sir Harold Thompson, C.B.E., M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.
Mr. A. D. McMullen, M.B.E.
Mr. R. Wragg
Mr. E. A. Croker (Secretary)
Mr. D. Hawes (Assistant Secretary)

THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—

Mr. W. J. Harkness
Mr. T. Younger
Mr. T. M. Lauchlan, O.B.E.
Mr. T. L. Clark
Mr. E. Walker (Secretary)
Mr. J. Farry (Assistant Secretary)

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES—

Mr. R. G. Jones, M.B.E.
Mr. S. Jenkins, J.P.
Mr. E. M. Danter
Mr. T. Morris, O.B.E., D.F.M. (Secretary)

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—

Mr. H. H. Cavan, O.B.E.
Mr. S. Walker
Mr. E. N. Barry
Mr. W. J. Drennan, J.P. (Secretary)

Mr. W. J. Harkness, President of The Scottish Football Association, presided and Mr. E. Walker acted as Secretary to the meeting.

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates to Scotland and made particular reference to Mr. Seipelt, Mr. Barry, Mr. Danter, Mr. Lauchlan and Mr. Farry, each of whom was attending his first meeting of the International Football Association Board.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held at Buenos Aires on 1st June, 1978, were adopted.

LAWS OF THE GAME

Law XVI — Goal-Kick

(1) Proposal by The Federation Internationale de Football Association

PRESENT LAW

PROPOSED ALTERATION

Last sentence of the first paragraph:

“ . . . Players of the team opposing that of the player taking the goal-kick shall remain outside the penalty-area whilst the kick is being taken.”

“ . . . Players of the team opposing that of the player taking the goal-kick shall remain outside the penalty-area until the ball has been kicked out of the penalty-area.”

Reason:

The text is self explanatory.

The proposal was withdrawn.

DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Law XIII — Free-Kick

(2) Proposal by The Football Association

PRESENT DECISION

PROPOSED ALTERATION

(1) In order to distinguish between a direct and an indirect free-kick, the referee, when he awards an indirect free-kick, shall indicate accordingly by raising an arm above his head. He shall keep his arm in that position until the kick has been taken.

That the final sentence should be:—

“ . . . He shall keep his arm in that position until the kick has been taken and retain the signal until the ball has been played or touched by another player or goes out of play.”

Reason:

The additional wording suggested clarifies the situation for players in the event of the ball entering the goal direct from such a kick.

The proposal was adopted.

Law III — Number of Players

(3) Request by The Federation Internationale de Football Association for an interpretation of Decision No. 6

The International F.A. Board is requested to give an authentic interpretation of Decision No. 6. The wording is as follows—

“(6) A substitute shall be deemed to be a player and shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the referee whether called upon to play or not. For any offence committed on the field of play a substitute shall be subject to the same punishment as any other player whether called upon or not.”

Reason:

Differences of opinion have arisen as to the correct interpretation of the wording.

Whereas we feel that the meaning of paragraph 6 deals only with the disciplinary aspects of an unlawful intervention by a substitute player who has not yet been called upon to play, others claim that it means that technical decisions can also be taken.

Example:

A substitute player not called upon to play runs onto the field of play, handles the ball in the penalty-area and punches a player of the opposing team.

According to our interpretation, the referee should stop the game immediately, expel the offending substitute and restart the game by dropping the ball where the interference occurred.

According to the other interpretation, the referee should stop the game, expel the offending player and award a penalty-kick.

We feel that the second decision would be a violation of a basic principle, namely: if a 12th player is on the playing field, his team has an illegal number of players and therefore the game must be stopped immediately.

The 12th player *cannot* be subject to a technical decision as he is *not* a member of the team but is considered *technically* to be an “outside agent”.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

(a) Experimental Matches

The Board considered reports submitted by the Scottish Football Association and The Football Association of Wales on the Tournoi Européen Juniors De Monaco, played during the period, 12th to 19th November, 1978, during which, with the approval of F.I.F.A., experiments affecting the following aspects of the Laws of the Game had been carried out:—

- (1) The abolition of the indirect free-kick.
- (2) Temporary expulsions from the field of play.
- (3) The replacement of the throw-in by a kick-in.

It was agreed that the time was not ripe to reach conclusions and that F.I.F.A. should continue to be empowered to authorise, on behalf of the Board, experiments with the Laws of the Game, although it was decided that no further experiments involving the so-called "mini corner kick" or "short corner kick" should be authorised.

(b) Interpretation of Law XI (Offside) and the Accuracy of Diagram 10

Following the alteration to the text of Law XI which was approved at the 1978 meeting of the Board, F.I.F.A. had advised its member associations that whereas the wording of the Law had been revised, the Law itself had not been altered. This interpretation differed from that held by the other members of the Board who maintained that the Law had, in fact, been altered. F.I.F.A. intimated that it now accepted the interpretation of the other members and agreed to advise its member associations accordingly.

In view of the agreed interpretation of Law XI it was agreed that Diagram 10 was inaccurate and that the text should be reworded as follows:—

"Diagram 10—Offside.

A shoots at goal. D runs from position 1 to position 2 to intercept the ball, but it glances off his foot to B who scores. B is offside as he was in an offside position at the moment the ball was played by one of his own team and interfering with the play, notwithstanding that the ball was deflected by D."

(c) Point of Play

F.I.F.A. requested that the Board discuss and give an opinion on the point of play which is described in the following extract from the minutes of a meeting of the F.I.F.A. Referee Committee:—

"Dr. Barde brought up an offence which, he said, was not covered by the Laws: if an attacking player ran off ahead with the ball with only the goalkeeper between him and the goal with an almost certain goal opportunity, and an opponent managed to catch up with him and held the attacker back as the only possible means of preventing a goal, the only punishment the referee could give was a caution for holding whereas the player had unfairly prevented a certain goal.

Mr. Seipelt recalled that the International Board had once decided that spitting was violent conduct, punishable by an expulsion and that this offence should be treated in a similar way.

Other members agreed that a caution was insufficient in the circumstances and it was agreed to put the matter to the International Board for decision."

It was agreed that a caution would be the correct decision and that there was no need to take the matter further.

(d) F.I.F.A. Circular to Member Associations and Referees

F.I.F.A. undertook to draw the attention of all national associations and of F.I.F.A. List Referees to the following abuses of the Laws of the Game which, in the Board's opinion, are becoming prevalent:—

- (1) Delaying tactics adopted by goalkeepers.
- (2) Breaches of the 4 steps rule by goalkeepers.
- (3) Additional, illegal, field markings.

(e) Editorial Committee

It was agreed that the Editorial Committee should meet during the course of the year ahead to consider various proposals which have been received.

INTERNATIONAL F.A. BOARD MEETING, 1980

The Irish Football Association's proposal that the next meeting of the Board be held in Northern Ireland, on Saturday, 7th June, 1980, was accepted.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Harkness thanked the members for the spirit of co-operation which had prevailed throughout the meeting and expressed his own personal pleasure and that of The Scottish Football Association at being able to act as hosts to the Board.

Dr. Havelange reiterated his support for the International Football Association Board and expressed his confidence that the administration of the Laws of the Game was in capable hands.

Mr. Cavan proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the meeting was then closed.

A. H. Seipelt
7th June 1980

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

SATURDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1979

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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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