

1911

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD

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HELD AT THE STATION HCTEL, TURNBERRY, ON SATURDAY, 10th JUNE, 1911.

Present:—Messrs. A. M. Robertson (Chairman) and D. Campbell (Scottish Football Association); C. Crump (The Football Association); T. H. Bushby and A. Thomas (Football Association of Wales); and A. H. Thompson and G. Tomlinson (Irish Football Association).

Also present: - J. K. M'Dowall (Secretary, Scottish Football Association), who acted as Secretary of the Meeting; and J. Ferguson (Secretary, Irish Football Association).

Minutes of Meeting held at the Royal York Hotel, Brighton, on Saturday, 11th June, 1910, were held as read, and confirmed.

The Chairman welcomed the Representatives.

It was agreed to record an unanimous expression of regret at the retirement of Mr. R. P. Gregson, after his long and appreciated connection with the Board.

LAWS OF THE GAME.

The following proposal by The Football Association was carried:-

Law 1.—Foot-note (b) to read:—"Clubs may, during the season of 1911-12, mutually agree to use a ball other than one with an outer casing of leather, provided this Law is otherwise complied with."

The following proposal by The Football Association was by leave withdrawn:-

Laws 5 and 17.—The Laws to be altered to provide that in the event of any infringement of Law 5 a throw-in shall be awarded to the opposite side.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD AGREEMENTS.

The following proposal by The Football Association was not carried:-

The following sentence of the Agreement of 17th June, 1895, to be deleted:-

"This circular to provide that the Local Association must report the circumstances of the case, and the penalty imposed, to the parent Association, without loss of time."

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:-

The Agreement to be altered to provide that each Association shall make provision in its own Rules to deal with cases under its own jurisdiction,"



The third paragraph of the Agreement of 18th June, 1894, and the Agreements of 11th June, 1904, and 20th June, 1908, were deleted, and the following was unanimously adopted as a Rule of the Associations:—

"A professional player shall not enter into any negotiation or engagement with another Club of this Association, or any other National Association whose playing season ends on the 30th April, until his existing engagement has terminated; and during the period of an existing engagement he shall not be approached by any other Club, or an official of any other Club, or any other person, with a view to induce him to leave the Club for which he is registered when his engagement has terminated."

The proposal by the Scottish Football Association that the dates of the International Matches be arranged at the Meetings of the International Board was not carried.

The following resolution was carried:-

"This Meeting, having regard to the difficulties now experienced, expresses the hope that the Scottish Football Association and the Irish Football Association will earnestly consider the desirability of arranging that the playing season in Scotland and Ireland shall commence on 1st September and close on 30th April, as is the case in England and Wales."

The Football Association gave notice of its intention to submit the following supplementary agreement at the next Meeting:—

"A player who takes part in an International Match without proper qualification shall not be allowed to again play in any International Match unless a satisfactory explanation is given."

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Mr. Crump reported he had received a letter from Mr. Wall (Secretary of The Football Association), that "The International Federation of Association Football had unanimously agreed, at their Annual Congress held at Dresden on 5th June, 1911, to ask for power to send a representative to The International Board."

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr. A. M. Robertson for presiding.

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