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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





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**FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES  
of the  
2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the**

# **International Football Association Board**

**held in  
Hôtel Mont Cervin in  
ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND  
at  
9 a.m. on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2002**

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**Michel Zen-Ruffinen**  
General Secretary

**FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**



## AGENDA

### I. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

### II. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2001.

### III. LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

To consider the following proposals and amendments submitted under the Rules of the International Football Association Board.

#### 1. LAW 5 – THE REFEREE

(submitted by FIFA)

#### 2. LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

(submitted by FIFA)

### IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### VI. 2003 MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD



## **PRESENT**

### **FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Joseph S. Blatter  
Mr. David Will  
Mr. Senes Erzik  
Mr. Michel Zen-Ruffinen

### **THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Geoffrey Thompson  
Mr. David Richards  
Mr. David Davies  
Mr. Adam Crozier

### **THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Mr. James Boyce  
Mr. Ivan Marshall  
Mr. David Martin  
Mr. William Campbell

### **THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Jack McGinn  
Mr. John McBeth  
Mr. George Peat  
Mr. David Taylor

### **THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES**

Mr. Des Shanklyn  
Mr. Tegwyn Evans  
Mr. Peter Rees  
Mr. David Collins



**Also Present**

**FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Mr. George Cumming  
Mr. Keith Cooper  
Mrs. Doris Valasek

**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Mr. John Baker

**THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Donald McVicar

**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES**

Mr. Idwal Williams



## **I. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The FIFA President, Mr. Joseph S. Blatter, welcomed the members of the International F.A. Board to Switzerland. He said he was proud and happy that FIFA was the host in the year of the FIFA World Cup.

He emphasised the importance of the Laws of the Game in providing a tool to control the game and ensure it is played within the bounds of fair play.

He stated that the International F.A. Board was an important institution and the need for its existence could never be questioned in the world of football.

The members then stood in silence in respect of the death of Mr. Ken Aston, a former chairman of the FIFA Referees' Committee and member of the Board, and others from the family of football, who had died in the past year.

Mr. James Boyce presented apologies on behalf of Mr. David Bowen, the General Secretary of the Irish Football Association, who was ill.

## **II. MINUTES**

Mr. McGinn asked for information regarding trackside advertising, which had been raised at the last meeting.

Mr. Cumming stated that the matter had been discussed by the Sub-Committee. It had reported to the Annual Business Meeting of the Board on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2001 that it did not consider that the Board had the authority to control specific forms of trackside advertising.

The FIFA General Secretary, Mr. Michel Zen-Ruffinen, informed the Board on various matters which had been discussed at the Workshop for the 32 Finalist Teams which had taken place in Tokyo from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2002.

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting held in the Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh, Scotland on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2001.

The FIFA President then signed the Minutes.



### III. LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

#### 1. LAW 5 – THE REFEREE

(Submitted by FIFA)

##### Bullet point 8

*Present text*

Stops the match if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured and ensures that he is removed from the field of play.

*Proposed text*

Stops the match if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured and ensures that he is removed from the field of play.  
**An injured player may only return to the field of play after the match has restarted.**

Reason:

This clarifies the procedure to be followed when a player returns to the field of play following injury.

Decision:

The proposal of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association was adopted.

## 2. LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

(Submitted by FIFA)

### Indirect Free Kick

#### *Present text*

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, commits any of the following five offences:

#### Reason:

This is a minor alteration to the text to recognise that there are now four offences instead of five as before.

#### Decision:

The proposal of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association was adopted.

#### *Proposed text*

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, commits any of the following **four** offences:



#### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

##### **SIMULATION**

(Submitted by FIFA)

A short film was shown illustrating examples of simulation from FIFA World Cup France '98.

There was unanimous support for a high profile publicity campaign to be organised by FIFA against players guilty of this offence. Referees would be instructed to take strong action against simulation.

There was also a full discussion on the use of video evidence and it was agreed that disciplinary sanction could be considered retrospectively by the disciplinary authority in cases not penalised by the referee.

##### **PLAYERS DELAYING THE RESTART OF PLAY**

(Submitted by FIFA)

Mr. Blatter expressed concern at the number of players who delay the restart of play. The Laws of the Game were very clear on this matter and the Board insisted that referees must apply them.

##### **TEMPORARY EXPULSIONS**

(Submitted by FIFA)

The Board strongly supported FIFA's concern that some national associations continue to use temporary expulsions including at youth level. FIFA would write to these associations informing them in the strongest terms that this procedure must cease immediately otherwise disciplinary sanctions will be applied.

##### **CELEBRATION OF A GOAL**

(Submitted by FIFA)

Mr. Erzik expressed the concern of FIFA at the common practice of players removing their shirts while celebrating a goal to reveal slogans and advertising.

There followed a discussion on ways of addressing the problem and it was agreed that when time wasting occurred referees would continue to take action in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

It was also agreed that associations should be informed that slogans and advertising may not be displayed on an undershirt and, that in case of infringement to this instruction, the matter should be dealt with by the disciplinary procedures of the competition.



## **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS**

(Submitted by FIFA)

The Board approved that the Additional Instructions for Referees, Assistant Referees and Fourth Officials would now be printed in the Laws of the Game book. Some minor changes to the text were also approved.

## **THE FOURTH OFFICIAL**

(Submitted by the Football Association of Wales)

Mr. Collins submitted a Discussion Paper on the Fourth Official. He suggested that this paper be discussed by the FIFA Referees' Committee and the International FA Board Sub-Committee and, if it was considered appropriate, the Football Association of Wales would submit a proposal at the next meeting of the Board.

This was agreed.

## **9.15 METRE EXPERIMENT**

Mr. Baker gave detailed information on the 9.15 m. experiment in England. It was recommended that permission to continue the experiment be given for a final year and that it should also be introduced in a major national league of another confederation and in a suitable FIFA Final Competition.

This was agreed.

## **V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ARTIFICIAL SURFACES**

The Board endorsed its support at last year's meeting for the FIFA Quality Concept for Artificial Surfaces.



## **PLAYERS' JERSEYS**

FIFA raised the question of the extent of advertising which was allowed on players' equipment.

Various matters relating to players' equipment were raised including the wearing of sleeveless jerseys. Together with the previously discussed matter of the display of slogans and advertising while celebrating a goal, it was decided that a composite Decision of the International F.A. Board would be introduced to Law 4, The Players' Equipment:

### **Decision of the International F.A. Board**

- Advertising is permitted only on the players' jerseys. It may not be worn on shorts, stockings or footwear.
- Players must not reveal undershirts, which contain slogans or advertising.  
A player removing his jersey to reveal slogans or advertising will be sanctioned by the competition organiser.
- Jerseys must have sleeves.

## **FIFA.COM**

Mr Martin of the Irish FA suggested that there should be more detailed information on the work of the Board on the FIFA.com website. This was agreed.

## **FIFA WORLD CUP 2002**

### **Nominated Substitutes**

The Board gave permission to increase the number of nominated substitutes from 11 to 12 for the competition.

### **Cameras**

The Board gave permission for the net support stands behind the goal to be used to secure micro cameras. This was not related in any way to goal-line technology.

### **Drink Stop**

The Board was informed that a request had been made at the Workshop for the 32 Finalist Teams for a drink stop to be introduced because of climatic conditions. This was unanimously rejected.



### **Blood testing**

Mr. Zen-Ruffinen informed the Board that as part of FIFA's ongoing campaign against doping, blood testing would be introduced for the first time at FIFA World Cup 2002. The Board supported this move.

### **THE INTERNATIONAL FA BOARD**

Mr. McGinn raised the question of the status of the International FA Board. He said it had an important role to play in jealously guarding the Laws of the Game.

Mr. Blatter stated that while there were recurring questions raised in certain quarters about the four British Associations and about the British Vice-Presidency, there would be no change to the institution of the Board so long as he was President.

The Board was united in its work and its traditions and continuity were essential to protect football.

The President stated it was unacceptable to have another body and reaffirmed his full support for the International F.A. Board, the professionalisation of refereeing and the Laws of the Game.

## **VI. 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD**

Mr. Boyce thanked Mr. Blatter for his comments and invited the Board to Northern Ireland for its next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2003.

Mr. Zen-Ruffinen requested that the meeting of the Board in 2004 would be hosted by FIFA on the occasion of its Centenary. This was agreed.

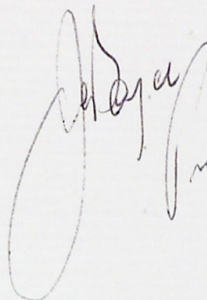
## **VII. VOTE OF THANKS**

Mr. Geoffrey Thompson proposed a vote of thanks to FIFA for its hospitality and for the organisation of the meeting.

He said the meeting had shown the importance of the Board and that it could move forward into the future with confidence.

The President thanked Mr. Thompson for his kind words and also thanked the General Secretary and the FIFA staff for their work in the preparation of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.55 a.m.



President FIFA





**International Football Association Board**

**Meeting in Zermatt, Switzerland**

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2002**

**List of Delegations**

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Mr David Will

Mr Senes Erzik

Mr Michel Zen-Ruffinen

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**The Football Association**

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