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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE BIG LAKE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

The undersigned incorporator(s), a natural person 18 years of age or older, in order to form a corporate entity under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317A, adopts the following articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

NAME/REGISTERED OFFICE

The name of the corporation shall be Big Lake Soccer Association ("BLSA"), located at 625 Rose Drive, PO Box 391, Big Lake, Minnesota, 55309.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL PROVISIONS

PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and education purposes, more specifically to foster, promote and perpetuate the game of soccer in the community of Big Lake. To this end, the corporation shall at all times be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL PROVISIONS

EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

1. The Corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its members. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member of the corporation, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes. Such net earnings, if any, of this corporation shall be used to carry out the non-profit corporate purposes set forth in Article II above.

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- 2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of the propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation, exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended.

ARTICLE IV

DURATION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The Corporation shall have one or more classes of members, as provided in the corporation's bylaws. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws. No Director shall have any right, title or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The number of Directors constituting the first Board of Directors is five (5), their names and addresses being as follows: (incorportors)

Yvette Hennies, 16538 County Road 43 E, Big Lake, Minnesota, 55309

Randy Nelson, 19702 212th Avenue, Big Lake, Minnesota, 55309

Deb Mitchell, 540 Powell, Big Lake, Minnesota, 55309

Susan Sipe, 19825 212th Avenue, Big Lake, Minnesota, 55309

Dana Whitlow, 5701 Egret Avenue, Big Lake, Minnesota, 55309

Members of the first Board of Directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which their successors are duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

PERSONAL LIABILITY

No (member) officer or Director of this Corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the (members) officer, or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII

DISSOLUTION

At the time of dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation. In non-case shall a disposition be made which would not qualify as a charitable contribution under Section 170(c)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE VIII

INCORPORATOR(S)

The Incorporator(s) of this corporation is/are:

The undersigned Incorporator(s) certify(ies) that she/he/they execute (s) these

articles for the purposes herein stated.

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