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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE LAKEWOOD RANCH ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. This organization will be named and known as THE LAKEWOOD RANCH ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit. The mailing address and principal place of business of the corporation is 5500 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, Bradenton, Florida 34202.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The purpose and objectives of The Lakewood Ranch Booster Club, Inc. ("Club") is to organize interested citizens so as to provide for a unified effort toward supporting the athletic programs of Lakewood Ranch High School, in the interest of and for the students, who take part, to show appreciation for their efforts in representing the school in all athletic competition, to encourage the teams in their endeavors, to raise funds to be expended to provide needed facilities, equipment, services and those things required and connected with a first class sports program, to stimulate and promote greater community interest, participation and enthusiasm in the athletic programs, to unite ourselves for good fellowship between athletic participants and our members, to provide a cooperative bond between the membership of this Club, coaches and school administration with active and working participation that will improve, enhance and elevate the athletic programs of Lakewood Ranch High School.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Membership shall consist of any person who desires to affiliate with the Club, who is willing to assist with its purpose and objectives and upon proper application and acceptance and shall have one vote in all voting matters of the Club and shall be considered active members. A membership year for purposes herein shall be July 1 to June 30.

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Section 2. The Board of Directors ("Board") reserves the option to charge annual membership dues of \$15.00 if deemed to be in the best interest of the Club. The Board reserves the right to decrease or increase the membership dues at the sole discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this Club shall consist of five members. Four of the Directors shall be at large, these four Directors shall be the Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and the fifth Board member shall be the current Athletic Director of Lakewood Ranch.

Section 2. Any member of this Club in good standing may be elected to hold and fill the office of director by a majority vote of those present at a regular scheduled meeting of the Club.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet just prior to the regular membership meeting on the second Monday of each month, unless amended in accordance with Article IX, Section 2, or at such other times as the President deems it necessary.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall supervise the operation of the Club. It shall attend to all internal affairs and make arrangements for carrying on the business of the Club as conferred upon it by the membership, transact business between regular Club meetings, approve projects and recommend to Club membership. It shall further create committees and see that they function.

Section 5. At Director's meeting at least three (3) Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to transact business, but any lesser number shall be sufficient to adjourn the meeting. A majority of the quorum is required for any approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall prepare and approve a budget each year. The Board is given the power to raise funds to operate the Club and donate to the Athletic Department.

Section 7. The Board has the authority to hire personnel, rent equipment, purchase services necessary to support the Lakewood Ranch Athletic Department. These powers shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) Raising money;
- (2) Preparing a budget;
- (3) Hiring necessary people and services;

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- (4) Purchasing insurance to cover any Club activity;
- (5) Purchasing Director and Officer insurance to cover the Board;
- (6) Purchasing any property either real property or personal property deemed necessary by the Board.;
- (7) Perform any other task or service deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Athletic Director shall be a director but not be an officer.

Section 2. Any member of this Club in good standing may be elected to hold and fill any office in the Club by a majority vote of those present at a regular meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

Section 1. The initial directors and officers of this Club shall be those directors and officers currently serving. The initial Officers and Directors shall be as follows:

President/Director:	John Baker
Vice President/Director:	Ed Giddens
Treasurer/Director:	Lisa Lemoniades
Secretary/Director:	Ron Johnson
Athletic Director:	Wally Hunter

Section 2. Thereafter, at the regular April meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members, one of which shall be named Chairman of the committee who shall meet and consider names for all of the offices. The May meeting shall be the annual meeting of the Club. At this meeting, the election of Directors shall take place. The term of office is to be for one year, beginning in July.

Section 3. Those four candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected. Each Member shall be entitled to four votes and cumulative voting shall not be allowed. If there are no more than four candidates, there shall be no election and these four candidates shall be the new Directors. The President shall have the authority to call for a secret ballot for anyone or all of the offices being voted on, or he or she may call for a show of hands.

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ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors. He shall issue the call for all regular or special meetings. He shall appoint committee members. He shall also be the liaison officer between school officials and members of the Club.

Section 2. The Vice President shall serve as an aide to the President. The Vice President shall preside over meetings in the President's absence. He shall keep the membership fully informed and shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors as the occasion presents for specific projects and activities the Club as a whole should undertake. He shall lend support and advise to the other officers, members and committees of this Club.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep all general records of this Club, record minutes of Club and Directors meetings, committee appointments, list of officers, list of members, addresses and telephone numbers.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate and detailed account in the Treasurer's permanent book of all money received and paid out, submit a statement at regular meetings of the Club, including total balance on hand, deposit all monies in the bank approved by the Club, pay all bills authorized by the Club, and preserve all records for auditing and delivery to his or her successor. All checks shall be signed by the President or Treasurer. An audit or accounting will be made annually. The audit committee will audit or review the books within the first two (2) weeks of June of each year.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall fill all vacancies in office for unexpired terms.

ARTICLE VIII. BOARD AND MEMBER MEETINGS

Section 1. This Club shall hold at least one regular meeting each school month, but hold any special meetings the President deems advisable to call during active sports seasons or otherwise. The regular monthly meeting shall be the second Monday night of each month unless amended in accordance with Article IX, Section 2. A regular meeting may be postponed or canceled by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. A vote of ten members in attendance at any meeting of this Club shall be necessary for a quorum.

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Section 3. Member Meetings shall take place once a month and shall be called by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX. CONSTITUTION AND BY- LAWS

Section 1. In the absence of rules of this Club or in the Articles, the proceedings of the Board of Directors as well as regular meetings shall be conducted in the accordance with established parliamentary procedures or Roberts Rule of Order.

Section 2. Any amendments to the Articles shall be presented at a regular meeting of this Club and then voted on at the next regular meeting. It shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present. All amendments shall be listed as Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, and etc. Article and Section affected shall reference amendment number.

Section 3. Policies. This Club at no time shall endorse or recommend any candidate for political office. No officer or member of this Club shall use it as a means to further any personal, political or any other aspirations, nor shall the Club as a whole take part in any movement not in keeping with the real purpose and objectives of this Club.

Section 4. All fund raising projects shall be confined to this Club and no attempt shall be made to raise funds jointly with any other organization other than those affiliated with the Lakewood Ranch High School.

Section 5. This Club at no time shall interfere with or attempt to exercise or bring any pressure whatever concerning school curriculum or personnel employed by the Board of Education.

Section 6. These Articles shall be binding and shall be adhered to unless changed in accordance with Article IX, Section 2.

Section 7. Any items purchased by The Lakewood Ranch Athletic Booster Club, Inc. shall become the property of the Lakewood Ranch High School and the Manatee County School Board for its use and shall not be transferred to another school without prior approval of The Lakewood Ranch Booster Club, Inc.

Section 8. If for any reason The Lakewood Ranch Athletic Booster Club, Inc. should be dissolved, all funds remaining in the treasury, after liquidation of all obligations, shall be deposited to the general fund of Lakewood Ranch High School or the Manatee County School Board.

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Section 9. The Club may adopt Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The following shall be Standing Committees and the President shall appoint them before the end of the school year in which elected.

- (1) Membership
- (2) Parliamentary
- (3) Finance
- (4) Publicity
- (5) Telephone
- (6) Hospitality
- (7) Auditing

Section 2. Any special committee may be established by the Board of Directors and appointed by the President when necessary.

Section 3. Duties of Standing Committees:

- (1) Membership: It shall be the duty of the Membership Chairman to keep an accurate list of the membership. Also, to encourage active participation of every member.
- (2) Parliamentary: The Parliamentary shall have on hand at every meeting a copy of the Constitution and/or By-Laws and a copy of Roberts Rule of Order, also keep the membership informed as to any needed revisions to the Constitution and/or By-Laws and to endeavor to see that the Club is operated accordingly.
- (3) Finance: It shall be the duty of the Finance Chairman to meet with the officers to set up a proposed budget to cover operating expenses of the Club. Plan of work to meet the budget should be submitted with the proposed budget to the Board of Directors for consideration and finally to the Club for approval no later than April of each year. It shall be their duty to approve or disapprove all fund raising projects for this Club.
- (4) Publicity Committee: It shall be the duty of this committee to properly publicize fund raising projects, meetings of the Club and to see that all news media receives information to properly publicize the athletic activities of Lakewood Ranch High School.

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(5) Telephone: It shall be the duty of the Telephone Committee to make phone calls to the general membership just before any membership meeting urging them to be present. Any other call the President or Board of Directors deems necessary will be requested of this committee.

(6) Hospitality: The Hospitality Committee shall be in charge of all social events of this Club.

(7) Auditing: The Auditing Committee shall consist of the President and Vice President. The audit shall be done during an open meeting, with any members wishing to participate. The audit shall take place at the end of each year or at other times as may be requested. The end of the year audit shall take place within the first two (2) weeks of June of each year.

ARTICLE XI. INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee, or agent, and any former officer, director, employee, or agent, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE XII. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE & AGENT

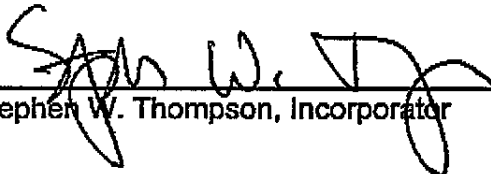
The address of this corporation's initial registered office shall be: 1205 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

The name of the individual who shall serve as this corporation's initial registered agent at that address is: Stephen W. Thompson.

ARTICLE XIII. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the individual who shall serve as this corporation's incorporator is: Stephen W. Thompson, 1205 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 19th day of October, 2000.


Stephen W. Thompson, Incorporator

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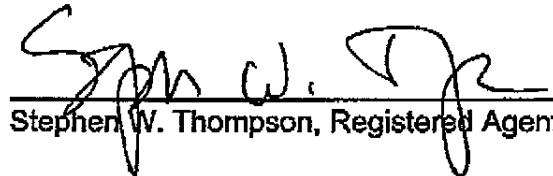
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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of THE LAKEWOOD RANCH ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit, which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. Pursuant to Section 607.0501(3), Florida Statutes (1998), I hereby state that I am familiar with and accept the duties, obligations and responsibilities as Registered Agent for said corporation.

DATED this 19th day of October, 2000.


Stephen W. Thompson, Registered Agent

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