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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RISING SUN STABLES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.



In compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned hereby forms a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, 1999, as amended, and does hereby certify:

ARTICLE I Name

The name of the corporation is RISING SUN STABLES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter called the "Association".

ARTICLE II Initial Principal Office

The street address of the corporation's initial principal office and its mailing address is 1310 S.W. 110th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34487.

The corporation's mailing address is 7 Director Court, Suite 104, Woodbridge, Ontario L4L4S5.

ARTICLE III Initial Registered Office and Registered Agent

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office is 333 NW 3rd Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475 and the name of its initial registered agent at that address is **H. RANDOLPH KLEIN**.

ARTICLE IV Definitions

All definitions in the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of RISING SUN STABLES, (the "Declaration") recorded in Public Records of Marion County, Florida, are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

ARTICLE V Purpose and Definitions

- Section 1. <u>Purpose</u>. The primary purpose of this Association is to create an entity to organize the recreational, social and cultural activities desired by the Owners of Tracts within the RISING SUN STABLES development, and such additional property as may be subjected to the Declaration, of the Public Records of Marion County, Florida, to provide a forum for discussion and communication among the Owners of property in RISING SUN STABLES, and to facilitate and assure the maintenance of the common areas, located within RISING SUN STABLES, including but not limited to the roadways and drainage facilities.
- Section 2. <u>Nonprofit Character of Association</u>. The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, direct or indirect, to its Members. The Association shall make no distributions of income to its Members, Directors or Officers.
- Section 3. <u>Definitions</u>. "Declarant" shall mean RISING SUN STABLES, INC., and its successors in interest or assigns of all or, at the election of the "Declarant", substantially all of its interest in the Subject Property.

ARTICLE VI Powers

The Association shall have all the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate and maintain the Association including the following:

- (a) To meet for the purposes of ascertaining the social, recreational and cultural activities in which its membership is interested in participating.
- (b) To provide for the election of representatives, as provided in the Bylaws of the Association for the purpose of eliciting the desires of the membership for social, recreational and cultural activities and communicating those desires to the Directors.
- (c) To exercise all the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration as recorded in the Public Records of Marion County, Florida, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
- (d) To promulgate or enforce rules, regulations, bylaws, covenants, restrictions, or agreements to effectuate all of the purposes for which the Association is organized.
- (e) To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida may now or hereafter have or exercise.
- (f) To establish, collect, and disburse assessments to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the Common Areas, roadways, and the drainage retention areas located within RISING SUN STABLES.

- (g) To manage, operate, maintain, repair and improve the Common Areas and the drainage retention areas located within RISING SUN STABLES, or any property owned by another third party for which the Association by rule, regulation, Declaration or contract has a right or duty to provide such services.
- (h) To enforce covenants, conditions or restrictions affecting the Property to the extent the Association may be authorized to do so under any Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, or By-laws.
- (i) To enter into, make, perform or enforce contracts of every kind and description; and to all other acts necessary, appropriate or advisable in carrying out any purpose of the Association with or in association with any corporation or other entity or agency, public or private.

ARTICLE VII Membership

Declarant and every Owner of a Tract as defined in the Declaration shall be a member of the Association. Except for the Declarant, membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Tract. All members agree to be bound by the terms and provisions of these Articles of Incorporation and such Bylaws and operating procedures as may be promulgated by the Association from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII Voting Rights

The voting rights in the Association shall be as follows:

- (a) The Declarant, so long as the Declarant owns any Tracts within the Subject Property, shall be entitled to nine votes for each Tract owned.
- (b) Each Owner of a Tract shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Tract owned. When one or more persons holds an interest in any Tract, all such persons shall be members of the Association, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any single Tract. In the event all of the Owners of a Tract cannot agree on any vote, no vote shall be cast for such Tract; provided, however, that the Association may conclusively rely on the vote cast by any of the Owners of a Tract as being authorized by all such Owners unless the Association has been notified in writing to the contrary by one or more such Owners.
- (c) At such time as the number of votes to which the Declarant is entitled under the provisions of this section is equal to the number of votes held by the Owners, the number of votes to which the Declarant is entitled shall thereafter be reduced to one (1) vote per Tract owned by the Declarant.

ARTICLE IX Board of Directors

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than

three nor more than five persons who need not be members of the Association. The first Board shall consist of three Directors.

The first election of Directors shall be held within thirty (30) days after incorporation at a meeting of the members called for that purpose. Three Directors shall be elected at this first election, one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. Said Board shall also determine the term for each new directorship so created. At each annual meeting thereafter a number of Directors equal to that of those whose terms have expired shall be elected for the term of three years. At the expiration of any term, any Director may be re-elected for one additional consecutive term. The Directors shall be elected by the vote of a majority of the Members entitled to vote thereon at a meeting at which a majority of the Members entitled to vote are present.

ARTICLE X Assessments

The Directors are shall establish a proposed annual assessment to be levied against each Tract sufficient to maintain, extend or improve, and for the express purpose of maintaining, extending, or improving the Common Areas, any other areas which are maintained or partially maintained by the Association.

ARTICLE XI <u>Dissolution</u>

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. In the event that acceptance of such dedication is refused, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any nonprofit corporation, association, trust, or other organization to be used for such similar purposes.

ARTICLE XII Duration

The corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE XIII Amendments

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

Notice of Amendment. Notice of the subject matter of a proposed amendment shall be included in the written notice of any meeting at which a proposed amendments is considered.

Adoption of Resolution. A resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be proposed either by the Board of Directors or by twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members of the Association entitled to vote thereon.

Adoption of Amendment. Adoption of the amendment will require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Members entitled to vote thereon, provided however, Article VIII, Voting Rights, may not be amended without Declarant's consent.

ARTICLE XIV Subscriber

The name and street address of the subscriber and incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is the same as listed in Article II hereof.

ARTICLE XV Officers

The Board of Directors shall elect the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine.

ARTICLE XVI Bylaws

The original Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Directors. Thereafter, the Bylaws of the Association may be amended, altered or rescinded at a regular or special meeting of the Members by the majority vote of the Members otherwise entitled to vote thereon at a meeting at which a majority of the Members entitled to vote are present. Any amendments to Bylaws shall be binding on all members of the Association.

ARTICLE XVII Indemnification of Officers and Directors

The Association shall and does hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Declarant and every Director and every officer, their heirs, executors and administrators, against all loss, cost and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to which he may be made a part by reason of his being or having been a Director or Officer of the Association, including reasonable counsel fees, except as to matters wherein he shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for or guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to, and not exclusive for, all other rights to which such Director or Officer may be entitled.

ARTICLE XVIII <u>Transaction in Which Directors or Officers are Interested</u>

No contract or transaction between the Association and one or more of the Directors or Officers, or between the Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization including without limitation, the Declarant, or an affiliate of the Declarant, or a corporation in which one

or more of its Officers or Directors are Officers or Directors of this Association shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Officer or Director is present at, or participates in, meetings of the Board or committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because said Officers' or Directors' votes are counted for such purposes. No Director or Officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that said Director or Officer may be interested in any such contract or transaction.

Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorized the contract or transaction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, I, the undersigned, constituting the subscriber and incorporator of this Association, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 19 day of 2002.

RISING SUN STABLES, INC.

BRUNO SCHICKEDANZ

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Notary Public

My commission expires: $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{A})$

Having been named Registered Agent of RISING SUN STABLES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., I hereby accept said office and agree to comply with the provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes as same pertain to the office of Registered Agent.

I. RANDOLPH KLE

Registered Agent