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December 21, 2009

SUBJECT: American Sport Paddling Association, Inc.

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$87.50 for Filing Fee, Designation of Registered Agent, Certified Copy and Certificate of Status.

FROM:

Robert L. DiGiacomo
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Thank you,

Robert L. DiGiacomo
Incorporator

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
American Sport Paddling Association, Inc.
A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation**

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator of a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

- A. NAME OF CORPORATION:** The name of the corporation is American Sport Paddling Association, Inc.
- B. PRINCIPAL OFFICE:** The principal office of the corporation is located at 26804 Saxony Way Suite 207 Wesley Chapel, FL 33544.
- C. MAILING ADDRESS:** The mailing address of the corporation is 26804 Saxony Way Suite 207 Wesley Chapel, FL 33544.
- D. REGISTERED AGENT:** The name of the registered agent of the corporation is Robert L. DiGiacomo. The address of this registered agent is 26804 Saxony Way Suite 207 Wesley Chapel, FL 33544.
- E. DURATION/MEMBERSHIP:** The period of duration is perpetual. The qualification for members, if any, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the bylaws.
- F. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The method of selection of the Board of Directors and number of Directors shall be stated in the bylaws.
- G. INCORPORATORS:** The name and address of the Incorporator is: Robert L. DiGiacomo, 26804 Saxony Way Suite 207, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544.
- H. CORPORATE PURPOSES:** The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, educational and scientific and consist of the following:
1. This corporation is formed exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
 2. This corporation is dedicated to providing aid and assistance in physical and psychological rehabilitation to disabled veterans of the United States of America through

participation in paddle sports at little or no cost to these participants and to otherwise assist disabled veterans by gifts, contributions, or otherwise, to other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively to assist in rehabilitation of veterans of the United States of American through their activities. No part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

3. In furtherance of the above, the Corporation will design, test and implement adaptive measures and equipment to modify watercraft to allow for the disabilities of the participants. Such adaptations will be communicated to other organizations with a similar purpose and will not be limited to disabled veteran's but shared with other entities serving the disabled community at large be they persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.

4. The Corporation will participate in all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.

5. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively charitable, educational and purposes in such a manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

I. 501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS

1. **CORPORATE PURPOSES:** Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

2. **EXCLUSIVITY:** The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes.

3. **NO PRIVATE INUREMENT:** The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable educational and scientific purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable, educational and to scientific purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

4. **LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS:** No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

5. **DISSOLUTION:** Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 to be used exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

J. INDEMNIFICATION - Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him or her (or by his or her heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors or administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

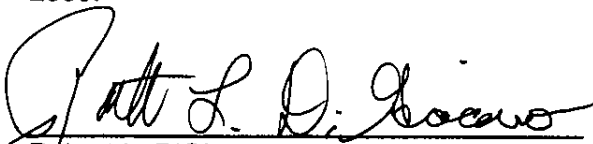
K. EFFECTIVE DATE - The effective date of corporation will be January 2, 2010.

L. NAMES OF DIRECTORS - The names of the initial Directors of the corporation are:

Robert L. DiGiacomo
Cherie' A. Korn
Michael D. Velat

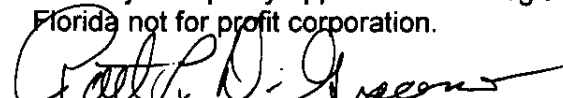
EXECUTION

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the Incorporator on this 21st day of December, 2009.


Robert L. DiGiacomo

REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for American Sport Paddling Association, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation.


Robert L. DiGiacomo

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