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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Gorilla Lacrosse Club, Inc.				
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – <u>MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX</u>)				
Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :				
\$70.00 Filing Fee	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate	
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FROM: Jeffrey M. Tuscan				
Name (Printed or typed)				
12621 World Plaza Lane #55				
Address				
Fort Myers, FL 33907				
City, State & Zip				
	239-333-2090			
Daytime Telephone number				

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

jtuscan@tuscancpa.com

STATE OF FLORIDA

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

GORILLA LACROSSE CLUB, INC.

Article I:

The corporate name that satisfies the requirements of Chapter 617.0202, F.S.

is:

Gorilla Lacrosse Club, Inc.

Article II:

The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is:

11525 Chaplis Lane Estero, FL 33928

Article III:

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to promote the development and growth of the sport of lacrosse through the formation of a youth lacrosse league comprised of active youth lacrosse programs in the Southwest Florida area, including but not limited to Lee, and Collier counties, and the affiliation of such youth lacrosse leagues with U.S. Lacrosse, Inc.

Specifically, the Gorilla Lacrosse Club was founded in November 2011 with a mission focused on the positive development of youth lacrosse in Southwest Florida. Gorilla Lacrosse provides education, guidance, participation and positive leadership focused on teamwork and good sportsmanship all the while instilling the passion and history that makes lacrosse the great sport that it is.

It is our singular goal to provide the opportunity to discover, learn, participate in and embrace the passion of the lacrosse experience.

Gorilla Lacrosse is open to Lee and Collier county boys and girls ages 6-15. Our current players come from Estero, Bonita Springs, Fort Myers, Sanibel, Cape Coral and Naples. The Gorilla Lacrosse Club is a member of FLY-LAX, our parent organization focused on providing leadership and improvements in the interleague play of teams in Collier and Lee County.

(a) The purpose of the Corporation, as stated herein, shall be carried out by its board of directors in a manner that will enable the Corporation to qualify as an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Toward this end, the Corporation shall have the following powers in furtherance of its purposes:

- (i) The Corporation may purchase, receive, take by grant, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use and deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated, in an unlimited amount;
- (ii) The Corporation may solicit and receive contributions from any and all sources and may receive and hold, in trust or otherwise, funds received by gift or bequest;
- (iii) The Corporation may sell, convey, lease, exchange, transfer, mortgage, pledge, encumber, create a security interest in or otherwise dispose of, by gift or in any other manner, any or all of its property, or any interest therein, wherever situated and however acquired;
- (iv) The Corporation may purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, employ, sell, lend, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, mortgage, pledge, use or otherwise deal in and with, bonds and other obligations, shares or other securities or interests issued by others, whether engaged in similar or different business, governmental or other activities;
- (v) The Corporation may make contracts, give guarantees and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the Corporation may determine and issue its notes, bonds and other obligations with or to any person, firm association, corporation, municipality, country or any other entity;
- (vi) The Corporation may lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested;
- (vii) The Corporation may be an incorporator of other corporations of any type or kind;
- (viii) The Corporation may be a partner in any business enterprise which it would have power to conduct by itself;
- (ix) The directors may make, amend or repeal the by-laws in whole or in part, except with respect to any provision thereof which by law or the by-laws requires action by the members;
- (x) Meetings of the members may be held anywhere in the United States;
- (xi) No person shall be disqualified from holding any office by reason of any interest. In the absence of fraud, any director, officer or member of this Corporation individually, or any individual having any interest in any concern in which any such directors, officers, members, or individuals have any interest, may be a party to, or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, any contract, transaction or other act of this Corporation, and
 - (1) no contract, transaction, or act shall not in any way be invalidated or otherwise affected by that fact;
 - (2) no such director, officer, member or individual shall be liable to account to this Corporation for any profit realized through any such contract, transaction, or act; and,
 - (3) any such director of this Corporation may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at a meeting of the directors or of any committee thereof which shall authorize any such contract, transaction, or act, and may vote to authorize the same. The term "interest" as used herein shall include personal

interest and interest as a director, officer, stockholder, shareholder, trustee, member or beneficiary of any concern; the term "concern" as used herein shall include any corporation, association, trust, partnership, firm, person, or other entity other than this Corporation; and

- (xii) The Corporation may exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is formed; provided, however, that no such power shall be exercised in a manner inconsistent with the applicable state law or the requirements contained in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (b) Notwithstanding any powers granted to this Corporation by these Articles, its bylaws or by applicable law the following limitations upon said powers shall apply and be paramount:
 - (i) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual; provided, however, that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation in furtherance of one or more of its purposes. No member, director, officer of the Corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon the dissolution of the Corporation.
 - (ii) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall involve the dissemination of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation;
 - (iii) The Corporation shall not participate, in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office;
 - (iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Organization, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 50l(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or by an organization to which contributions are deductible under Sections 170(c)(2) and 2055(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
 - (v) Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the con esponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
- (c) (i) The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws;

- (ii) The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax Jaws;
- (iii) The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws;
- (iv) The Corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws; and
- (v) The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.
- (d) The directors and officers of the Corporation shall not be personally liable for any debt, liability or obligation of the Corporation. All persons, corporations or other entities extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against the Corporation may look only to the funds and property of the Corporation for the payment of any such contract or claim, or for the payment of any debt, damages, judgment or decree, or of any money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the Corporation.
- The Corporation shall, to the extent legally permissible and only to the extent that (e) the status of the Corporation as an organization exempt under Section 50l(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is not affected thereby, indemnify each of its directors, officers, employees and other agents (including persons who serve at its request as directors, officers, employees or other agents of another organization in which it has an interest) against all liabilities and expenses, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines and penalties, and counsel fees, reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or disposition of any action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which he may be involved or with which he may be threatened, while in office or thereafter, by reason of his being or having been such a director, officer, employee or agent, except with respect to any matter as to which he shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interests of the Corporation; provided, however, that as to any matter disposed of by a compromise payment by such director, officer, employee or agent, pursuant to a consent decree or otherwise, no indemnification either for said payment or for any other expenses shall be provided unless such compromise shall be approved as in the best interests of the Corporation, after notice that it involves such indemnification: (a) by a disinterested majority of the directors then in office; or (b) by a majority of the disinterested directors then in office, provided that there has been obtained an opinion in writing of independent legal counsel to the effect that such director, officer, employee or agent appears to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interests of the Corporation. Expenses including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by any such director, officer, trustee, employee or agent in connection with the defense or disposition of any such action, suit or other proceeding may be paid from time to time by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition thereof upon receipt of an undertaking by such individual to repay the amounts so paid to the Corporation if he shall be adjudicated to be not entitled to indemnification under applicable state law. The

right of indemnification hereby provided shall not be exclusive of or affect any other rights to which any director, officer, employee or agent may be entitled. Nothing contained herein shall affect any rights to indemnification to which corporate personnel may be entitled by contract or otherwise under law. As used in this paragraph, the terms "director", "officer", "employee", and "agent" include their respective heirs, executors and administrators, and an "interested" director is one against whom in such capacity the proceedings in question or another proceeding on the same or similar grounds is then pending.

All references to the "Internal Revenue Code" shall be deemed to refer to the Internal Revenue Code now or hereafter in effect and the regulations promulgated there under or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

Article IV: The members of the Board of Directors shall be nominated and elected by the current members of the Board with advice and input from the Board's Executive Committee

Article V: The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is seven (7) and the names, addresses and titles of those directors are as follows:

Owen Feeney - President 11525 Chaplis Lane Estero, FL 33928

Todd Schultz - Vice President 11525 Chaplis Lane Estero, FL 33928

Greg Blurton – Treasurer 11525 Chaplis Lane Estero, FL 33928

Veronica Opalensky, Secretary 11525 Chaplis Lane Estero, FL 33928

Melissa Armitage, Director 11525 Chaplis Lane Estero, FL 33928

Kristin Comisar, Director 11525 Chaplis Lane Estero, FL 33928

Stacey Suter, Director 11525 Chaplis Lane Estero, FL 33928

Article VI: The name and Florida street address of the Registered Agent is:

Jeffrey M. Tuscan, CPA 12621 World Plaza Lane, Building 55 Fort Myers, FL 33907

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Article VII: The name and the address of the Incorporator is as follows:

Jeffrey M. Tuscan, CPA 12621 World Plaza Lane, Building 55 Fort Myers, FL 33907 12 AUG 17 PM 1: 38 SECRETARY OF STATE ALLAHASSEE, FLORE

Accepted by:

Accepted by:

John M / Muleu Jeffrey M. Tuscan, CPA 8/14/12

Date

Article VIII: The undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation and the effective date shall be the date of receipt by the State of Florida.

Jeffrey M. Tuscan, CPA

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