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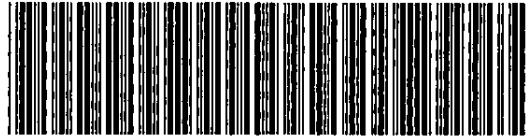
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Subject: Filing Articles of Incorporation for: [Comments]

Please find 2 copies of the articles of incorporation and payment to file the articles of incorporation.

Please return proof of filing to:

Kim Livingston (Name)  
30420 Palm Dr. (Address)  
Big Pine Key FL 33043 (City, State, and Zip)

If needed, you can contact me at the following phone number:

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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

### **BIG PINE BOCCE LEAGUE, INC.**

The undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States, hereby associate themselves together to form a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and do hereby certify as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of the Corporation shall be BIG PINE BOCCE LEAGUE, INC. and it shall have perpetual existence.

#### **ARTICLE II – Principal Office**

The street address of the principle office of the Corporation is 27932 Snapper Lane, Little Torch Key, Monroe County, Florida 33042.

The mailing address of the Corporation is P.O. Box 430944, Big Pine Key, Florida 33043.

#### **ARTICLE III - Purpose of Organization**

Said Corporation is organized exclusively for the purpose of forming a nondiscriminatory recreational membership of bocce players to provide a social outlet and fellowship for individuals residing in the Lower Keys of Monroe County, Florida in accordance with Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 (as amended) or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law; including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. In furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation, the Corporation may:

- A. Acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), improve, build upon, operate, maintain, or dedicate for public use property to be used in connection with the affairs of the Corporation; and
- B. Maintain, repair, or replace property over which the Corporation has full ownership or the right and power to maintain, replace and operate in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

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#### **ARTICLE IV – Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator of the Corporation is Kim Livingston, 30420 Palm Drive, Big Pine Key, Monroe County, Florida.

#### **ARTICLE V – Initial Trustees/Directors**

The initial Directors of the Corporation were nominated and elected at an open meeting of the bocce league members. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the President of the Corporation, assisted by one or several Vice Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, subject to the directions of the Board. The Board shall elect the President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer within thirty (30) days of the annual meeting at which Directors are elected, and as many other Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall from time to time determine. The same person may hold two offices, the duties of which are not incompatible; provided, however, the office of President and a Vice President shall not be held by the same person, nor shall the office of President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary be held by the same person. The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial Trustees/Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Kim Livingston (President) 30420 Palm Drive, Big Pine Key, FL 33043  
Robert Fletcher (Vice President) 24235 Caribbean Dr. W, Summerland Key, FL 33042  
Jeanne Somma (Treasurer) P. O. Box 430426, Big Pine Key, FL 33043  
Nicole Price (Secretary) 31112 Avenue C, Big Pine Key, FL 33043  
Monica Wood, 27932 Snapper Lane, Little Torch Key, FL 33042  
Jeff Sharp, 89 Industrial Rd., Big Pine Key, FL 33043

#### **ARTICLE VI – Non-Profit Nature**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. This Corporation shall be primarily supported by membership dues and other income from activities substantially related to pleasure, recreation, and other non-profit purposes under Section 501(c)(7) of the Code.

### **ARTICLE VII – Registered Agent**

The name and address of the initial Registered Agent is Kim Livingston, 30420 Palm Drive, Big Pine Key, Monroe County, Florida.

### **ARTICLE VIII – Indemnification**

The Corporation indemnifies any directors, officers, employees, incorporators, and members of the Corporation from any liability regarding the Corporation and the affairs of the Corporation, unless the person fraudulently and intentionally violated the law and/or maliciously conducted acts to damage and/or defraud the Corporation, or as otherwise provided under applicable Florida Statutes.

### **ARTICLE IX - Amendments**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by an instrument, in writing, signed by the President of the Corporation, stating the Article number and the contents of its amendment, and shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the following manner:


- A. Notice of the subject matter of the proposed Amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which such proposed Amendment is considered.
- B. A resolution approving a proposed Amendment may be proposed by either the Board or by the membership; and after being proposed and approved by one of said bodies, it must be submitted for approval and thereupon receive such approval of the other. Such approval must be by fifty-one percent (51%) of total outstanding vote of the Corporation; and such approval must also be by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board.
- C. A copy of each Amendment shall be certified by the Secretary of State and filed of record.

### **ARTICLE X – Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding 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 located in Monroe County, Florida, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as said Court shall determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 20 day of April, 2015.

  
KIM LIVINGSTON, Incorporator  
President/Director

  
ROBERT FLETCHER, Vice President/Director

  
JEANNE SOMMA, Treasurer/Director

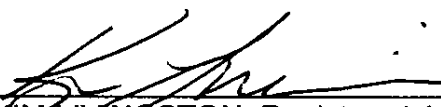
  
NICOLE PRICE, Secretary/Director

  
MONICA WOOD, Director

  
JEFF SHARP, Director

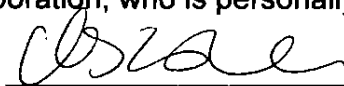
**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the BIG PINE BOCCE LEAGUE, INC., at the location designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all Statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

  
KIM LIVINGSTON, Registered Agent  
30420 Palm Drive  
Big Pine Key, Florida 33043

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MONROE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20 day of April, 2015 by KIM LIVINGSTON, on behalf of the Corporation, who is personally known to me.

  
Notary Public, State of Florida

My commission expires: 5-14-18



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