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Re: Manatee Crabbers Baseball, Inc.

Ladies or Gentlemen:

Enclosed in duplicate are the Articles of Incorporation for the above captioned professional corporation together with the certificate designating the Registered Agent. We also enclose our check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the following:

- 1. \$35.00 Filing Fee
- 2. \$ 8.75 Certified Copy of Articles
- 3. \$35.00 Filing Registered Agent Certificate

Subsequent to filing of the enclosed Articles of Incorporation, please forward the certified copy to me at the above letterhead address. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

HARRISON, HENDRICKSON, DOUGLASS & KIRKLAND, P.A.

By: Thomas W. Harri

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

#### MANATEE CRABBERS BASEBALL, INC.

The undersigned incorporator hereby executes and acknowledges these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a not for profit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida (Chapter of Florida Statutes).

#### <u>ARTICLE I</u>

<u>Name</u>

The name of this Corporation shall be:

MANATEE CRABBERS BASEBALL, INC.

## ARTICLE II Principal Office and Mailing Address

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of this Corporation shall be:

524 - 77<sup>TH</sup> Street Holmes Beach, Florida 34217-1008

#### ARTICLE III Purposes

The general nature of the activities to be conducted by this Corporation, and the objects or purposes of this Corporation, shall be as follows:

- (a) To organize, establish and support an amateur youth baseball team or teams for the purpose of competing locally, statewide, nationally or internationally.
- (b) To apply for, obtain, and maintain memberships or affiliation with athletic organizations or leagues to foster competition in amateur youth baseball.
- (c) In furtherance of its purposes, the Corporation shall have the power to hold any property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest in such property, without limitation as to amount or value; to take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease or otherwise, any such property, or any undivided interest in such property, without limitation as to amount or value; to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest or deal with the principal or the income thereof in such a manner as will best promote the purposes of the Corporation without limitation, except such limitations as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the

Corporation, or any applicable laws; and to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or an advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors, officers or members of any private individual.

- (d) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation. 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 publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or regulations issued thereunder, as they now exist or as they may be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- (f) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed exclusively to religious, charitable, scientific or educational organizations which would then qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued thereunder as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

#### ARTICLE IV Existence of Corporation

This corporation shall exist in perpetuity.

## ARTICLE V Registered Office and Registered Agent

The initial registered office of this Corporation shall be located 524 - 77<sup>th</sup> Street, Holmes Beach, Florida 34217-1008, and the initial registered agent of this Corporation at such office shall be Elmo Torres, Jr.. This Corporation shall have the right to change such registered office and such registered agent from time to time, as provided by law.

#### ARTICLE VI Members

This Corporation shall have one class of members. The number, method for selection, qualification, rights and duties of members shall be as provided in the bylaws of this Corporation.

## ARTICLE VII Board of Trustees

All powers of this Corporation shall be exercised by, or under the authority of, and the affairs of this Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, the Board of Trustees, subject to all applicable laws. The number, method for selection, qualification, rights and duties of the trustees shall be provided in the bylaws.

## ARTICLE VIII Initial Board of Trustees

The initial Board of Trustees of the Corporation shall consist of three (3) members, such members to hold office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. The name and street address of each initial trustee are:

Name	Address
ELMO TORRES, JR.	524 - 77 <sup>th</sup> Street Holmes Beach, Florida 34217-1008
JEFF CONLEY	408 - 51 <sup>st</sup> Street N.W. Bradenton, Florida 34209
RANDY WELLS	2603 - 24 <sup>th</sup> Street West Bradenton, Florida 34205

## ARTICLE IX Incorporator

The name and street address of the incorporator making these Articles of Incorporation are:

THOMAS W. HARRISON

1206 Manatee Avenue West Bradenton, Florida 34205

ARTICLE X	
By-Laws	وده فعلوب

The power to adopt the bylaws of this Corporation, to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws, or to adopt new bylaws, shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of this Corporation; provided, however, that any bylaw or amendment thereto as adopted by the Board of Trustees may be altered, amended or repealed by vote of the members entitled to vote thereon, or a new bylaw in lieu thereof may be adopted by the members, and the members may prescribe in any bylaw made by them that such bylaw shall not be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Trustee.

## ARTICLE XI Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

This Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon the members herein are subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the uses and purposes therein stated.	Undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles for the THOMAS W. HARRISON, Incorporator
STATE OF FLORIDA	1 44475
COUNTY OF MANATEE	
oaths and take acknowledgments, personally known to me. Said	this day, before me, an officer duly authorized to administer conally appeared THOMAS W. HARRISON, known to me to executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged before an oath was not taken. (Check one:) Said person(s) is/are person(s) provided the following type of identification:  dial seal in the County and State last aforesaid this day  NOTARY PUBLIC
	Printed Notary Signature
	Commission No.
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:	GERALDEAN P. BOZZA

Notary Public State of Florida My Comm. Exp. Mar. 25, 2001 Comm. # CC 615583

#### ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE AS REGISTERED AGENT

MANATEE CRABBERS BASEBALL, INC.

The undersigned, ELMO TORRES, JR., having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named Corporation, at the registered office designated in the Articles of Incorporation, hereby agrees and consents to act in that capacity. The undersigned is familiar with and accepts the duties and obligations of that position.

DATED this / ST day of OCTOBER, 1999.

Registered Agent

ELMO TORRES, JR.