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ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The legal name of the Non-Profit Corporation/Organization shall be known as Somerset Youth Hockey Association Inc. a Wisconsin non stock corporation and shall herein be referred to as the "Corporation/Organization."

<u>ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE</u>

The general purpose for which this Corporation/Organization has been established are as follows:

The purpose for which the Non-Profit Corporation is formed is set forth in the attached Articles of Incorporation.

The Corporation/Organization is established within the meaning of IRS Publication 557 Section 501(c) (3) Organization of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code and shall be operated exclusively for the

Mission Statement: The goal of the Somerset Youth Hockey Association is to provide the best possible environment for the enjoyment of youth hockey by all involved – players, parents, and coaches. The association is dedicated to the development of the basic skills and fundamentals of playing hockey.

Purpose:

1. To foster the development of youth hockey in the Somerset area.

- 2. To teach leadership, responsibility, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and principles of fair play.
- 3. To ensure proper coaching and training.
- 4. To encourage parent involvement and better understanding of the principles of hockey, including those values of sportsmanship and fair play.
- 5. Ensure we have a viable and sustainable environment, facility, and organization.

In addition, this Corporation/Organization has been formed for the purpose of performing all things incidental to, or appropriate in, the foregoing specific and primary purposes. However, the Corporation/Organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or the exercise of any powers which are not in furtherance of its primary non-profit purposes.

The Corporation/Organization shall hold and may exercise all such powers as may be conferred upon any nonprofit organization by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and as may be necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the Corporation/Organization. At no time and in no event shall the Corporation/Organization participate in any activities which have not been permitted to be carried out by a Corporation/Organization exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code").

ARTICLE 3 – OFFICES

The principal office of the Corporation/Organization shall be located at 529 Main Street, Somerset, Wisconsin 54025.

The Corporation/Organization may have other such offices as the Board of Directors may determine or deem necessary, or as the affairs of the Corporation/Organization may find a need for from time to time.

<u>ARTICLE 4 – DEDICATION OF ASSETS</u>

The properties and assets of the Corporation/Organization are irrevocably dedicated to and for non-profit purposes only. No part of the net earnings, properties, or assets of this Corporation/Organization, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of any person or any member, director, or officer of this Corporation/Organization. On liquidation or dissolution, all remaining properties and assets of the Corporation/Organization shall be distributed and paid over to an organization dedicated to non-profit purposes which has established its tax-exempt status pursuant to Section 501(c) of the Code.

<u>ARTICLE 5 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>

General Powers and Responsibilities

The Corporation/Organization shall be governed by a Board of Directors (the "Board"), which shall have all the rights, powers, privileges and limitations of liability of directors of a non-profit

corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Act of Wisconsin. The Board shall establish policies and directives governing business and programs of the Corporation/Organization and shall delegate to the Executive Director and Corporation/Organization staff, subject to the provisions of these Bylaws, authority and responsibility to see that the policies and directives are appropriately followed.

Number and Qualifications

The Board shall have up to 11, but no fewer than 6, Board members. The number of Board members may be increased beyond 11 members or deceased to less than 6 members by the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the then serving Board of Directors. A Board member need not be a resident of the State of Wisconsin.

In addition to the regular membership of the Board, representative of such other organizations or individuals as the Board may deem advisable to elect shall be *Ex-Officio Board Members*, which will have the same rights and obligation, including voting power, as the other directors.

Board Compensation

The Board shall receive no compensation other than for reasonable expenses, unless they are an employee of the Corporation/Organization. However, provided the compensation structure complies with Sections relating to "Contracts Involving Board Members and/or Officers" as stipulated under these Bylaws, nothing in these Bylaws shall be constructed to preclude any Board member from serving the Corporation/Organization in any other capacity and receiving compensation for services rendered.

Board Elections

Only members in good standing, who have been members one or more years, may be nominated and elected to the Board. An existing association member that has interest in running for a Board position must be nominated by an association member that meets the member criteria. All nominations shall be known to the Board on or before the April meeting. The Board will review the nominations and approve the nominations. Those nominated will be placed in the election and voting will commence before the May meeting. Each family will be allowed one vote. Nominations and elections will be conducted in person or via electronic submission.

The annual meeting shall be held on the third Monday of May in the offices of the SYHA. All members in good standing are welcome to the annual meeting. Annual meeting is the designated time for all elections for SYHA.

Odd Year - President, Registrar, Secretary, Tournament Director, Concession Manager Even Year - Vice President, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Fundraising Coordinator

Term of Board

All appointments to the Board shall be for a term of 2 years.

Vacancies

A vacancy on the Board of Directors may exist at the occurrence of the following conditions:

- a) The death, resignation, or removal of any director;
- b) The declaration of resolution of the Board of vacancy in the office of a director who has been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court, convicted of a felony, found by final order of judgement of any court to have breached a duty pursuant to the Corporation Code and/or Act of the law dealing with the standards of conduct for a director, or has missed 3 consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors, or a total of 3 meetings of the Board during any one calendar year;
- c) An increase in the authorized number of directors; or
- d) The failure of the directors, at any annual or other meeting of directors at which director(s) are to be elected, to elect the full authorized number of directors.

The Board of Directors, by way of affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then currently in office, may remove any director without cause at any regular or special meeting, provided that the director to be removed has been notified in writing in the manner set for the in Article 5 – Meetings that such action would be considered at the meeting.

Except as provided in this paragraph, any director may resign effective upon giving written notice to the President, the president of Corporation/Organization, the secretary of Corporation/Organization, or the Board of Directors, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of the resignation. If the resignation is effective at a future time, a successor may be designated to take office when the resignation becomes effective.

Any vacancy on the board may be filled by vote of a two-thirds majority of the directors then in office, whether or not the number of directors then in office is less than a quorum, or by vote of a sole remaining director. No reduction of the authorized number of directors shall have the effect of removing any director before that director's term of office expires.

A Board member elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.

Resignation

Each Board member shall have the right to resign at any time upon written notice thereof to the Secretary of the Board and the President. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof, and the acceptance of such resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof, and the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Removal

A Board member may be removed, with or without cause, at any duty constituted meeting of the Board, by the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of then-serving Board members.

Meetings

The Board's regular meetings may be held at such time and place shall be determined by the Board. The President or Executive Committee may call a special meeting of the Board with 2 days' written notice provided to each member of the Board. The notice shall be served upon each Board member via phone, text, or email. The person(s) authorized to call such special meetings of the Board may also establish the place the meeting is to be conducted, so long as it is a reasonable place to hold any special meeting of the Board.

The Board shall meet on the third Monday of each month. All meetings shall be open to all SYHA members in good standing.

Minutes

The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of all minutes of each and every meeting of the Board in which business shall be transacted in such order as the Board may determine from time to time. However, in the event that the Secretary is unavailable, the President shall appoint an individual to act as Secretary at the meeting. The Secretary, or the individual appointed to act as secretary, shall prepare the minutes of the meetings, which shall be delivered to the Corporation/Organization to be placed in the minute books. A copy of the minutes shall be delivered to each Board member via email within 10 business days after the close of each Board meeting.

Action by Written Consent

Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Board, or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Board, may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all Board members. The number of directors in office must constitute a quorum for an action taken by unanimous written consent. Such consent shall be placed in the minute book of the Corporation/Organization and shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board taken at an actual meeting. The Board members' written consent may be executed in multiple counterparts or copies, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes. In addition, facsimile signatures and electronic signatures or other electronic "consent click" acknowledgements shall be effective as original signatures.

Ouorum

At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the presence of more than half the board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

If at any time the Board consists of an even number of members and a vote results in a tie, then the vote of the President shall be the deciding vote.

The act of the majority of the Board members serving on the Board or Board Committees and present at a meeting in which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board or Board Committees, unless otherwise provided by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or a law specifically requiring otherwise. If a quorum is not present at a meeting, the Board members present may adjourn the

meeting from time to time without further notice until a quorum shall be present. However, a Board member shall be considered present at any meeting of the Board or Board Committees if during the meeting he or she is present via telephone or web conferencing with the other Board members participating in the meeting.

Voting

Each Board member shall only have one vote.

Proxy

Board members shall not be allowed to vote by written proxy.

Board Member Attendance

An elected Board Member who is absent form 3 consecutive regular meetings of the Board during a fiscal year shall be encouraged to reevaluate with the President his/her commitment to the Corporation/Organization. The Board may deem a Board member who has missed 3 consecutive meetings without such a reevaluation with the Chair to have resigned from the Board.

ARTICLE 6 - OFFICERS

Officers and Duties

The Board shall elect officers of the Corporation/Organization which shall include a President (Chief Executive Officer), Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer (Chief Financial Officer), and such other officers as the Board may designate by resolution. The same person may hold any number of offices, except that neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer may serve concurrently as the President. In addition to the duties in accordance with this Article, officers shall conduct all other duties typically pertaining to their offices and other such duties which may be required by law, Articles of Incorporation, or by these bylaws, subject to control of the Board or Directors, and they shall perform any other such additional duties which the Board of Directors may assign to them at their discretion.

The officers will be selected by the Board at its annual meeting, and shall serve the needs of the Board subject to all the rights, if any, of any officer who may be under a contract of employment.

Therefore, without any bias or predisposition to the rights of any officer that may be under any contract of employment, any officer may be removed with or without cause by the Board, All officers have the right to resign at any time by providing notice in writing to the President, and/or Secretary of the Corporation/Organization, without bias or predisposition to all rights, if any, of the Corporation/Organization, under any contract to which said officer is a part thereof, All resignations shall become effective upon the date on which the written notice of resignation is received or at any time later as may be specified within the resignation: and unless otherwise indicated within the written notice, a stated acceptance of the resignation shall not be required to make the resignation effective.

Any and all vacancies in any office because of death, resignation, disqualification, removal, or for any other cause, shall be filled in accordance to herein prescribed bylaws for regular appointments so such office, The compensation, if any, of the officers shall be fixed or determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

President (Chief Executive Officer)

It shall be the responsibility of the President, when present, to preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The President is authorized to execute, in the name of the Corporation/Organization, any and all contracts or other documents which may be authorized, either generally or specifically, by the Board to be executed by the Corporation/Organization, except when required by law that the President's signature must be provided. President shall have a minimum of one year experience on the SYHA Board. He/she will have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of President of a Corporation/Organization. Subject to the Executive Board and the membership of the Corporation/Organization, he/she will have general charge and supervision over the business affairs of the Corporation/Organization, and will see that all orders and resolutions of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors are carried into effect.

Non Voting- Past President:

It is expected that the past president stay on as a non-voting participant for one year following their term.

Vice President

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, it shall then be the responsibility of the Vice President to perform all the duties of the President, and in doing so shall have all authority and powers of, and shall be subject to all of the restrictions on, the President.

<u>Secretary</u>

The Secretary, or his/her designee, shall be the custodian of all records and documents of the Corporation/Organization, which are required to be kept at the principal office of the Corporation/Organization, and shall act as secretary at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall keep the minutes of all such meetings on file in hard copy or electronic format. S/he shall attend to the filing and serving of all notices of the Corporation/Organization and shall see that the seal of the Corporation/Organization, if any, is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation/Organization under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws.

Treasurer (Chief Financial Officer)

It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and accurate accounts of all the properties and business transactions of the Corporation/Organization, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, retained earnings, and other matters customarily included in financial statements.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring the deposits of, or cause to be deposited, all money and other valuables as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Furthermore, the Treasurer shall disburse or cause to be disbursed the funds of the Corporation/Organization, as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, and shall render to the President, President and directors, wherever they request it, and account of all the Treasurer's transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation/Organization.

The Treasurer shall give the Corporation/Organization a bond, if so requested and required by the Board of Directors, in the amount and with the surety of sureties specified by the Board for faithful performance of the duties of the Treasurer's office and for restoration to the Corporation/Organization of all its books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of every kind in the Treasurer's possession or under the Treasurer's control upon the Treasurer's death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office. The Corporation/Organization shall pay the cost of such a bond.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Fundraiser:

- Shall organize and promote events dealing with raising money for SYHA. Events can include concerts, ice fishing tournament, advertising boards, raffles and golf tournament.
- Upon the completion of each event a full financial report will be given to the board.
- Establish annual fundraising goal per event.

Concessions Manager:

- Shall be responsible for operation and management of concession stand and reporting
 financial statement monthly to the board. This includes ordering supplies, scheduling
 volunteers/hire help to ensure the stand will be open at all hockey related events, handling
 of money.
- Help coordinate volunteers for other events: i.e. concerts
- Reconcile accounts (determine if account requires two signatures for checks over \$500.00)
- Evaluate concession design and optimize space product mix to maximize profits

Concessions Assistant:

• Will assist the concession manager as needed. They will be a non-voting member of the board.

Registrar:

- He/she shall be responsible for all registration forms required by USA Hockey and WAHA.
- Track Association payments and revenue received
- Maintain and safeguard all Association registration files of its members
- Ensure all adults on the ice have proper USA Hockey certifications
- Ensure all coaches, managers, and board members have completed Safe Sport training

Tournament Director:

- Shall be responsible for organizing, promoting and conducting all tournaments organized by SYHA during regular season.
- Provide guidelines, handbook and direction to team managers to enable them to run their respective tournaments.
- Serve as point of contact for SYHA tournaments to those both inside and outside the association.
- Responsible for the continuation and improvement of annual invitational tournaments.
- Maintain guidelines, rules, and procedures for teams.
- Secure appropriate team/tournament awards.
- Advertise and promote as needed to raise awareness of SYHA tournaments.
- Ensure SYHA has appropriate teams coming to its tournaments.
- Coordinate with managers to maximize the tournament revenue.
- Coordinate with SYHA PR Director to promote tournaments within the community.
- Make best efforts to insure tournaments are a fun and positive experience for SYHA and visiting teams.
- Maintain accurate tournament records.

Rink Manager/Scheduler:

- Shall oversee all details of the daily rink operations and be responsible for selling additional ice and promoting a variety of hockey camps and programs to advance the success of SYHA. Shall also be responsible for attending annual scheduling meeting with other teams in league and is in charge of ensuring SYHA is involved with a league. This will involve blocking ice time for those scheduled games, and practices for each SYHA age level and insuring SHS gets required time. Anytime a team will not be at a scheduled ice, they will need to report to the scheduler ASAP. He/She shall fill the rest of the ice time by selling ice to other associations, and open the ice for skating. He/She will keep all managers aware of tournaments, practices, and open ice. Open ice times will be posted on website, bulletin board, and given to each team manager.
- Communicate open ice times to PR Director so he can communicate to the distribution list to share the information.
- See job description for full list of responsibilities
- Oversee the Referee Scheduler with job duties as follows:

Referee Scheduler:

- Schedule all referees for home games and tournaments. Act as a liaison if complaints arise from a referee's performance between applicable parties.
- Budget for referees
- Facilitate annual referee training clinics in conjunction with New Richmond
- Develop referees

Equipment Manager:

- Shall be responsible for tracking all equipment and will work towards computerizing all inventory.
- Will be responsible for holding deposit checks and returning or cashing checks based on status of equipment return.

- Will set and publicize equipment hand out, exchange, and return dates.
- Obtain quality equipment
- Be responsible for keeping storage area clean and organized

ARTICLE 7 – COMMITTEES

Committees of Directors

The Board of Directors may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office, provided that a quorum is present, designate one or more committees to exercise all or a portion of the authority of the Board, to the extent of the powers specifically delegated in the resolution of the Board or in these bylaws. Each such committee shall consist of at least one director, and may also include persons who are not on the Board but whom the directors believe to be reliable and competent to serve at the specific committee. However, committees exercising any authority of the Board of Directors may not have any non-director members. The Board may designate one or more alternative members of any committee who may replace any absent member at any meeting of the committee. The appointment of members or alternate members of a committee requires the vote of a majority of the directors then in office, provided that a Quorum is pre-set. The Board of Directors may also designate one or more advisory committees that do not have the authority of the Board. However, no committee, regardless of Board resolution, may:

- a) Approve of any action that, pursuant to applicable Law, would also require the affirmative vote of the members of the Board if this were a membership vote.
- b) Fill vacancies on, or remove the members of, the Board of Directors or any committee that has the authority of the Board.
- c) Fix compensation of the directors serving on the Board or on any committee.
- d) Amend or repeal the Articles of Incorporation or bylaws or adopt new
- e) Amend or repeal any resolution of the Board of Directors that by its express terms is not so amendable or repeatable.
- f) Appoint any other committees of the Board of Directors or their members.
- g) Approve a plan of merger, consolidation, voluntary dissolution, bankruptcy, or reorganization; or a plan for the sale, lease, or exchange of all or considerably all of the property and assets of the Corporation/Organization otherwise than in the usual and regular course of its business; or revoke any such plan.
- h) Approve any self-dealing transaction, except as provided pursuant to law.

Unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors, no committee shall compel the Corporation/Organization in a contract or agreement or expend Corporation/Organization funds.

Meetings and Actions of Committees

Meetings and actions of all committees shall be governed by, and held and taken in accordance with, the provisions of Article 5 – Board of Directors of these bylaws concerning meetings and

actions of the directors, with such changes in the context of those bylaws as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board of Directors and its members, except that the time for regular meetings of committees may be determined either by resolution of the Board of Directors or by resolution of committee. Special meetings of committees may also be called by resolution of the Board of Directors. Notice of special meetings of committees shall also be given to any and all alternate members who shall have the right to attend all meetings of the committee. It is recommended but not required that minutes shall be kept of each meeting of any committee and shall be filed with the Corporation/Organization records. The Board of Directors may adopt rules not consistent with the provisions of these bylaws for the governance of any committee.

If a director relies of information prepared by a committee of the Board of which the director does not serve, the committee must be composed exclusively of any or an combination of (a) directors, (b) directors or employees of the Corporation/Organization whom the director believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented, or (c) counsel, independent accountants, or other persons as to matters which the director believes to be within that person's professional or expert competence.

Executive Committee

Pursuant to Article 7 – Committee or Directors, the Board may appoint an Executive Committee composed of a minimum of 5 directors, one of whom shall be the President of the Board and another shall be either the Secretary, or the Treasurer, to serve on the Executive Committee of the Board. The Executive Committee, unless limited in a resolution of the Board, shall have and may exercise all the authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation/Organization between meetings of the Board, provided, however, that the Executive Committee shall not have the authority of the Board in reference to those matters enumerated in Article 7 – Committee of Directors. The Secretary of the Corporation/Organization shall send to each director a summary report of the business conducted in any meeting of the Executive Committee.

Coaches Committee

The Board shall appoint a Coaches Committee Coordinator. The coaches' committee members will be selected by the coordinator of the committee. The object of the coaches committee is to staff each team with qualified coaches and to insure coaching consistency and player development throughout all levels in the association.

The committee duties are as follows:

- 1. Develop an application form for those who want to be a SYHA Coach.
- 2. Develop a Coaches Handbook describing the expectations for practices, game ratio, and skills that should be focused on.
- 3. Review team practices monthly and work with coaches to provide feedback and answer questions.

- 4. Develop a try-out evaluation form and arrange evaluators for tryouts.
- 5. Conduct preseason and postseason coaches meetings.
- 6. All coaching recommendations will be provided to the SYHA board for approval.

A. ACE Coordinator

The ACE Coordinator will be selected by the Coaches Committee and act as the liaison for WAHA.

B. Coaches Selection

The process of selecting a coach will be as follows:

Coaching candidates will submit a written application and complete a background check per WAHA guidelines. Application forms will be posted on the SYHA web site. The coaches committee will recommend candidates to the board for approval. The coaches committee will be responsible for providing evaluation and feedback for coaches.

C. Coaches Training

The committee will follow any guidelines instilled by the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association and/or USA Hockey for coaching qualifications.

The coaching committee must hold a pre-season coaches meeting to discuss the upcoming season. A coaching contract must be signed by all coaches before the season begins. Variance from the contract could be grounds for dismissal from coaching duties.

ARTICLE 8 – STANDARD OF CARE

General

A director shall perform all the duties of a director, including, but not limited to, duties as a member of any committee of the Board on which the director may serve, in such a manner as the director deems to be in the best interest of the Corporation/Organization and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinary, prudent and reasonable person in a similar situation may exercise under similar circumstances.

In the performance of the duties of a director, a director shall be entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by:

- a) One or more officers or employees of the Corporation/Organization whom the director deems to be reliable and competent in the matters presented;
- b) Counsel, independent accountants, or other persons, as to the matters which the director deems to be within such persons professional expert competence; or
- c) A committee of the Board upon which the director does not serve, as to matters within its designated authority, which committee the director deems to merit confidence,

so long as in any such case the director acts in good faith, after reasonable inquiry when the need may be indicated by the circumstances, and without knowledge that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted.

Except as herein provided in Article 8 – Standard of Care, any person who performs the duties of a director in accordance with the above shall have no liability based upon any failure or alleged failure to discharge that person's obligations as a director, including, without limitation of the following, any actions or omissions which exceed or defeat a public or charitable purpose to which the Corporation/Organization, or assets held by it, are dedicated.

Loans

The Corporation/Organization shall not make any loan of money or property to, or guarantee the obligation of, any director or officer, unless approved by the Wisconsin Attorney General; provided, however, that the Corporation/Organization may advance money to a director or officer of the Corporation/Organization or any subsidiary for expenses reasonably anticipated to be incurred in the performance of the duties of such officer or director so long as such individual would be entitled to be reimbursed for such expenses absent that advance.

Conflict of Interest

The purpose of the Conflict of Interest policy is to protect the Corporation/Organization's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of one of its officers or directors, or that might otherwise result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable corporations/organizations and is not intended as an exclusive statement of responsibilities.

Restriction of Interested Directors

Not more than 36% (percent) of the persons serving on the Board of Directors at any time may be interested persons. An interested person is (1) any person currently being compensated by the Corporation/Organization for services rendered to it within the previous twelve (12) months, whether as a full-time or part-time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation paid to a director; and (2) any brother, sister, parent, ancestor, dependent, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, mother –in-law, or father-in-law of any such person. However, any violation of the provisions of this section shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any transaction entered into by the interested person.

Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors who are considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

Establishing a Conflict of Interest

After the disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, the interested person shall leave the Board meeting while the potential conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining Board members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

Addressing a Conflict of Interest

In the event that the Board should establish that a proposed transaction or arrangement established a conflict of interest, the Board shall then proceed with the following actions:

- a) Any interested person may render a request or report at the Board meeting, but upon completion of said request or report the individual shall be excused while the Board discusses the information and/or material presented and then votes on the transaction or arrangement proposed involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b) The President of the Board shall, if deemed necessary and appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c) After exercising due diligence, the Board shall determine whether the Corporation/Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d) If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the Board shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the best interest of the Corporation/Organization, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. It shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction arrangement in conformity with this determination.

Violations of Conflict of Interest

Should the Board have reasonable cause to believe an interested person has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, the Board shall then inform the interested person of the basis for such belief and afford the interested person an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

If, after hearing the interested person's explanation, and after making further investigation as may be warranted in consideration of the circumstances, the Board determines the interested person intentionally failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Procedures and Records

All minutes of the Board Meetings, when applicable, shall contain the following information:

- a) The names of all the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the Board's decision as to whether a conflict of interest is fact existed.
- b) The names of the persons who were present for discussions and any votes relating to transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussions, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any vote taken in connection with the proceedings.

<u>Violation of Loyalty – Self-Dealing Contracts</u>

A self-dealing contract is any contract or transaction (i) between this Corporation/Organization and one or more of its Directors, or between this Corporation/Organization and any corporation, firm, or association in which one or more of the Directors has a material financial interest ("Interested Director"), or (ii) between this Corporation/Organization and a corporation, firm, or association of which one or more of its directors are Directors of this Corporation/Organization. Said self-dealing shall not be void or voidable because such Director(s) of corporation, firm or association are parties or because said Director(s) are present at the meeting of the Board of Directors or committee which authorizes, approves or ratifies the self-dealing contract, if:

- a) All material facts are fully disclosed to or otherwise known by the members of the Board and the self-dealing contract is approved by the Interested Director in good faith (without including the vote of any membership owned by said interested Director(s));
- b) All material facts are fully disclosed to or otherwise known by the Board of Directors or committee, and the Board of Directors or committee authorizes, approves, or ratifies the self-dealing contract in good faith without counting the vote of the interest Directors(s)-and the contract is just and reasonable as to the Corporation/Organization at the time it is authorized, approved or ratified; or
- c) As to contracts not approved as provided in above sections (a) and/or (b), the person asserting the validity of the self-dealing contract sustains the burden of proving that the contract was just and reasonable as to the Corporation/Organization at the time it was authorized, approved, or ratified.

Interested Director(s) may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof, which authorizes, approves, or ratifies a contract or transaction as provided for and contained in this section.

Indemnification

- To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Corporation/Organization shall indemnify its "agents," as described by law, including its directors, officers, employees and volunteers, and including persons formerly occupying any such position, and their heirs, executors and administrators, against all expenses, judgements, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any "proceeding," and including any action by or in the right of the Corporation/Organization, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a person as described in the Non-Profit Corporation Act. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other right to which such persons may be entitled apart from this Article.
- To the fullest extent permitted by law, and, except as otherwise determined by the Board in a specific instance, expenses incurred by a person seeking indemnification in defending any "proceeding" shall be advanced by the Corporation/Organization of an undertaking by or on behalf of that person to repay such amount unless it is ultimately determined that the person is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation/Organization for those expenses.
- The Corporation/Organization shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance of behalf of any agent of the Corporation/Organization, to the fullest extent permitted by law, against any liability asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, or to give other indemnification to the extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE 9 – EXECUTION OF CORPORATE INSTRUMENTS

Execution of Corporate Instruments

- The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, determine the method and designate the signatory officer or officers, or other person or persons, to execute any corporate instrument or document, or to sign the corporate name without limitation, except when otherwise provided by law, and such execution or signature shall be binding upon the Corporation/Organization.
- Unless otherwise specifically determined by the Board of Directors or otherwise required by law, formal contracts of the Corporation/Organization, promissory notes, deeds of trust, mortgages, other evidences of indebtedness of the Corporation/Organization, other corporate/organizations, and certificates of share of stock owned by the Corporation/Organization shall be executed, signed, and/or endorsed by the President, Vice President, Treasurer.
- All checks and drafts drawn on banks or other depositories on funds to the credit of the Corporation/Organization, or in special accounts of the Corporation/Organization, shall be signed by such person or persons as the Board of Directors shall authorize to do so.

Loans and Contracts

No loans or advances shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation/Organization and not note or other evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless and except as the specific transaction is authored by the Board of Directors. Without the express and specific

authorization of the Board, no officer or other agent of the Corporation/Organization may enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation/Organization.

<u>ARTICLE 10 – RECORDS AND REPORTS</u>

Maintenance and Inspection of Articles and Bylaws

The Corporation/Organization shall keep at its principal office the original or a copy of its Articles of Incorporation and bylaws as amended to date, which shall be open to inspection by the directors at all reasonable times during office hours.

<u>Maintenance and Inspection of Federal Tax Exemption Application and Annual Information</u> Returns

The Corporation/Organization shall keep at its principal office a copy of its federal tax exemption application and its annual information returns for three years from their date of filing, which shall be open to public inspection and copying to the extent required by law.

Maintenance and Inspection of Other Corporate Records

The Corporation/Organization shall keep adequate and correct books and records of accounts and written minutes of the proceedings of the Board and committees of the board. All such records shall be kept at a place or places as designated by the Board and committees of the Board, or in the absence of such designation, at the principal office of the Corporation/Organization. The minutes shall be kept in written or typed form, and other books and records shall be kept either in written or typed form or in any form capable of being converted into written, typed or printed form. Upon leaving office, each officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation/Organization shall turn over to his or her successor or the President, in good order, such corporate/organization monies, books, records, minutes, lists, documents, contracts or other property of the Corporation/Organization as have been in the custody of such officer, employee, or agent during his or her term of office.

Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of every kind and the physical properties of the Corporation/Organization and each of its subsidiary corporations/organizations. The inspection may be made in person or by and agent or attorney, and shall include the right to copy and make extracts of documents.

Preparation of Annual Financial Statements

The Corporation/Organization shall prepare annual financial statements using generally accepted accounting principles. Such statements shall be audited by an independent certified public accountant, in conformity with generally accepted accounting standards, under supervision of the Audit Committee established by these bylaws. The Corporation/Organization shall make

these financial statements available to the Wisconsin Attorney General and members of the public for inspection after the close of the fiscal year to which the statements relate.

<u>Reports</u>

The Board shall ensure an annual report is sent to all directors after the end of the fiscal year of the Corporation/Organization, which shall contain the following information:

- a) The assets and liabilities, including trust funds, of this corporation at the end of the fiscal year.
- b) The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year.
- c) The expenses or disbursements of the Corporation/Organization for both general and restricted purposes during the fiscal year.
- d) The information required by Non-Profit Corporation Act concerning certain self-dealing transactions involving more than \$50,000 or indemnifications involving more than \$10,000 which took place during the fiscal year.

The report shall be accompanied by any pertinent report from an independent accountant or, if there is not such report, the certificate of an authorized officer of the Corporation/Organization that such statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the Corporation/Organization.

ARTICLE 11 – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for this Corporation/Organization shall end on March 31.

<u>ARTICLE 12 – AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS</u>

These bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed by the vote of a two-thirds majority of the directors then in office. Such action is authorized only at a duly called and held meeting of the Board of Directors for which written notice of such meeting, setting for the proposed bylaw revisions with explanations therefore, is given in accordance with these bylaws. If any provision of these bylaws requires the vote of a larger portion of the Board than is otherwise required by law, that provision may not be altered, amended or repealed by that greater vote.

<u>ARTICLE 13 – CORPORATE/ORGANIZATION SEAL</u>

The Board of Directors may adopt, use, and alter a corporate/organization seal. The seal shall be kept at the principal office of the Corporation/Organization. Failure to affix the seal to any corporate/organization instrument, however, shall not affect the validity of that instrument.

<u>ARTICLE 14 – CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS</u>

Unless the context otherwise requires, the general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions contained in the Non-Profit Corporation Act as amended from time to time shall govern the

construction of theses bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter, the singular number includes the plural and the plural number included the singular, and the term "person" includes a Corporation/Organization as well as a natural person. If any competent court of law shall deem any portion of these bylaws invalid or inoperative, then so far as is reasonable and possible (i) the remainder of these bylaws shall be considered valid and operative, and (ii) effect shall be given to the intent manifested by the portion deemed invalid or inoperative.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

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they have not been amended or modified sir	ice the above.
EXECUTED on this day of	, in the County of St
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	(Duly Elected Secretary)
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