

Articles of Incorporation of Running Blind NPO

The undersigned incorporator, a natural person 18 years of age or older, in order to form a corporate entity under the State of Michigan Statutes, adopts the following articles of incorporation.

Article 1 Corporation Name

Running Blind located at 2045 McKinley Avenue, Ypsilanti, Michigan, 48197.

Article 2 Purpose

This organization will be operated exclusively for charitable purposes. Running Blind will seek to assist people with visual impairments or other physical or mental disabilities to acquire and develop the support, skills and confidence required to overcome to the challenges inherent to living with such a disability. Direct assistance to disabled individuals can take the form of goods, money or services provided. Running Blind may also provide support to other non-profit and for-profit businesses that support this purpose. Support can also be rendered in the form of services or donations provided to other 501(c)(3) exempt organizations based on current or future tax code. Support to for profit organizations will be limited to investment in the development of products or services that suitably support the purpose stated herein.

Article 3 Assets and funding

Running Blind will be a non-stock corporation.

Running Blind has no property or physical assets, and currently no cash assets.

Running Blind expects to solicit donations, and to apply for grants from foundations and corporations.

Running Blind will be organized on a directorship basis and will not sustain a membership group.

Article 4 Registered Office and Resident Agent

The resident Agent for Running Blind shall be Hal W. Wolfe of Ypsilanti Michigan.

The resident address shall be: Running Blind, c/o Hal Wolfe, 2045 McKinley, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Article 5 Incorporators

Running Blind has one incorporator – Hal Wolfe of Ypsilanti Michigan.

Incorporator's address: 2045 McKinley, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Article 6

Exemption Requirements

At all times the following operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 7

Liability Protection

1. Except as otherwise provided by law, a volunteer director or volunteer officer of the corporation is not personally liable to the corporation for monetary damages for a breach of the director's or officer's fiduciary duty so long as the volunteer was acting or reasonably believed was acting within the scope of his or her authority, and that volunteer's conduct did not amount to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.
2. The corporation assumes all liability to any person other than the corporation for all acts or omissions of a volunteer director incurred in the good faith performance of his or her duties as a director.

Article 8

Distributions Upon Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the legal liabilities 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 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 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.

Signatures

Hal Wolfe Date: *3/8/13*
Hal W. Wolfe

Completed on March 8, 2013