



**State of Rhode Island
Office of the Secretary of State**

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**Non-Profit Corporation
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Providence Base Ball Association

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

THE PROVIDENCE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION (PBBA) IS A NON-PROFIT, EDUCATIONAL, AND LIVING HISTORY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PRESERVING AND PROMOTING THE GAME OF BASE BALL AS IT WAS PLAYED DURING ITS FORMATIVE YEARS IN THE MID TO LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY. WE EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE BEGINNINGS OF OUR NATIONAL PASTIME THROUGH LIVING HISTORY BASE BALL GAMES AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS TO AREA MUSEUMS,

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, AND LIBRARIES. THIS OBJECTIVE SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES AND ENDEAVORS:

- PRESENTING THE GAME OF BASE BALL AS IT WAS PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES, EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS, FIELD SPECIFICATIONS, CUSTOMS, PRACTICES, LANGUAGE, AND BEHAVIORAL NORMS OF A GIVEN HISTORICAL PERIOD.
- SUPPORTING THE FORMATION AND STRENGTHENING OF VINTAGE, OR HISTORICAL, BASE BALL CLUBS BY FREELY SHARING PERIOD-SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE

OF THE SPORT, SETTING STANDARDS OF HISTORICAL ACCURACY AND PARTICIPATION, AND PROVIDING A MEANS TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMUNICATE WITH

OTHER BASE BALL CLUBS ENGAGED IN SIMILAR ENDEAVORS.

- ENCOURAGING RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION TO RECREATE THE GAME IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF HISTORICAL ACCURACY AND AUTHENTICITY.

• EDUCATING THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE CHARACTER, HISTORY, AND GROWTH OF THE GAME WITH ATTENTION TO THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT IN WHICH IT ORIGINATED AND DEVELOPED.

TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS AND SUSTAIN THE TRADITIONS AND VALUES IT SEEKS TO

HONOR AND EMULATE, THE PROVIDENCE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION AND ALL ITS MEMBERS WILL CONDUCT ALL MATCHES, MEETINGS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES – BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD – ACCORDING TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SPORTSMANSHIP, COURTEOUS BEHAVIOR, AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.

THE PROVIDENCE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, THE MAKING OF DISTRIBUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT QUALIFY AS EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE.

ARTICLE IV

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

4A. NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, 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 THIRD 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 OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON (A) BY A CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) 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.

4B. UPON THE 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 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.

ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 260 WASECA AVENUE
City or Town: BARRINGTON

State: RI

Zip: 02806

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is

JON D. HENSON

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 7 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	CHARLES DRYER	16 FERA ST NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02904 USA
DIRECTOR	TIMOTHY NORTON	100 WILLIS AVE SEEKONK, MA 02771 USA
DIRECTOR	DAVID WATSON	36 HYBRID DR CRANSTON, RI 02920 USA
DIRECTOR	JON D HENSON	3 PAUL TERRACE TIVERTON, RI 02878 USA
DIRECTOR	BRIAN TRAVERS	0 PARALLEL STREET SALEM, MA 01970 USA
DIRECTOR	JOHN CARLEVALE JR	23 ROOSEVELT AVENUE HULL, MA 02045 USA
DIRECTOR	PETER M OPPENHEIMER	260 WASECA AVENUE BARRINGTON, RI 02806 USA

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	JON D HENSON	3 PAUL TERRACE TIVERTON, RI 02878 USA
INCORPORATOR	BRIAN TRAVERS	0 PARALLEL STREET SALEM, MA 01970 USA
INCORPORATOR	JOHN CARLEVALE JR	23 ROOSEVELT AVE HULL, MA 02045 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 01/29/2021

(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 29 Day of January, 2021 at 1:19:09 PM by the incorporator(s). *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

Enter signature(s) below.

JON D HENSON

BRIAN TRAVERS
JOHN CARLEVALE JR

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