ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### OF

POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING, INC.

approved and received for record by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation

of Maryland June 27, 1983 at 9:32 o'clock A. M. as in conformity

with law and ordered recorded.

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To the clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince Georges County IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, that the within instrument, together with all indorsements thereon, has been received, approved and recorded by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland.

AS WITNESS my hand and seal of the said Department at Baltimore.

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#### POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING, INC. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

FIRST: I, ELWOOD H. HASEMANN , whose post office address is 4527 Flower Valley Drive, Rockville, MD 20853 being at least eighteen (18) years of age, am hereby forming a corporation under and by virtue of the General Laws of the State of Maryland.

SECOND: The name of the Corporation (which is hereafter called the "Corporation") is POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING, INC.

THIRD: The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are:

(a) The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational and charitable 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 provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and, more specifically, to receive and administer funds for such charitable and educational purposes, all for the public welfare, and for no other purposes, and to that end to take and hold, by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, or lease, either absolutely or in trust for such objects and purposes or any of them, any property, real, personal or mixed, without limitation as to amount of value, except such limitations, if any, as may be imposed by law; to sell, convey, and dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the principal thereof, and to deal with and expend the income therefrom for any of the before-mentioned purposes, without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received; to receive any property, real, personal, or mixed, in trust, under the terms of any will, deed of trust, or other trust instrument for the foregoing purposes or any of them, and in administering the same to carry out the directions, and exercise the powers contained in the trust instrument under which the property is received, including the expenditure of the principal as well as the income, for one or more of such purposes, if authorized or directed in the trust instrument under which it is received, but

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no gift, bequest or devise of any such property shall be received and accepted i it be conditioned or limited in such manner as shall require the disposition of the income or its principal to any person or organization other than a "charitable organization" or for other than "charitable purposes" within the meaning of such terms as defined in Article NINTH of these Articles of Incorporation, or as shall in the opinion of the Board of Directors, jeopardize the federal income tax exemption of the Corporation pursuant to Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now in force or afterwards amended; to receive, take title to, hold, and use the proceeds and income of stocks, bonds, obligations, or other securities of any corporation or coporations, domestic or foreign, but only for the foregoing purposes, or some of them; and, in general, to exercise any, all and every power for which a non-profit corporation organized under the applicable provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland for scientific educational, and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare, can be . authorized to exercise, but only to the extent the exercise of such powers are in furtherance of exempt purposes.

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(b) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 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 provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2), 2055 (a) (2) and 2522 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal

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Revenue Law).

(c) Included among the educational and charitable purposes for which the Corporation is organized, as qualified and limited by subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Article THIRD are the following:

To promote, develop and support swimming without discrimination as to race, color, creed, or national origin in the Washington, D. C., metropolitan area.

To sponsor competitive swimming activities.

To conduct fundraising events, the proceeds of which may be devoted to the use of the Corporation and/or any other charitable organizations as defined in Article NINTH.

To disseminate information about and conduct training in swimming.

To instill in the youthful swimming participants a fondness for swimming, athletic skills, teamwork, and the principles of good sportsmanship, which would serve thereby to combat juvenile delinquency.

FOURTH: The post office address of the principal office of the Corporation in this State is 2921 Bradford Lane, Bowie, Maryland 20715

The name and post office address of the Resident Agent of the Corporation in this State is <u>Don Shycoff, 2921 Bradford Lane, Bowle, Maryland</u> 20715

Said Resident Agent is an individual actually residing in this State.

FIFTH: The Corporation is not organized for profit; it shall have no capital stock and shall not be authorized to issue capital stock. The classes, responsibilities, qualifications and other matters relating to its members shall be as set forth in the by-laws of the Corporation.

SIXTH: The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be fourteen which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the By-Laws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than three (3). The names of the Directors, who shall act until the first annual meeting or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified, are: Elwood H. Hasemann, Arvydas Barzdukas, Donald Swedenborg, Don Shycoff, Mary Lee Zimmerman, Ruth Donahue, V. J. Meleski, Barbara Shycoff, Joan Olson, William G. Sollott, V. L. Eytchison, Herbert Martinson, James P. McAleer, and Sunny Sollott.

SEVENTH: Upon the dissolution of the Corporation's affairs, or upon the abandonment of the Corporation's activities due to its impracticable or inexpedient nature, the assets to the Corporation then remaining in the hands of the Corporation shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered and paid over to any other charitable organization (as hereinafter defined) of this or any other State.

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EIGHTH: The Corporation may by its By-Laws make any other provisions or requirements for the arrangement or conduct of the business of the Corporation, provided the same be not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation nor contrary to the laws of the State of Maryland or of the United States.

NINTH: In these Articles of Incorporation.

(a) References to "charitable organizations" or "charitable organization" mean corporations, trusts, funds, foundations, or community chests created or organized in the United States or in any of its possessions, whether under the laws of the United States, any state or territory, the District of Columbia, or any possession of the United States, organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures or is payable to or for the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and which do not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office. It is intended that the organization described in this Article NINTH shall be entitled to exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the internal Revenue Code as now in force or afterwards amended.

(b) The term "charitable purposes" shall be limited to and shall include only religious, charitable, scientific testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of the terms used in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code but only such purposes as also constitute public charitable purposes under the laws of the United States, any state or territory,

the District of Columbia, or any possession of the United States.

TENTH: (a) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

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(b) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(c) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(d) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(e) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ELEVENTH: (1) As used in this Article ELEVENTH, any word or words that are defined in Section 2-418 of the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Indemnification Section"), as amended from time to time, shall have the same meaning as provided in the Indemnification Section.

(2) The Corporation shall indemnify a present or former director or officer of the Corporation in connection with a proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by and in accordance with the Indemnification Section.

(3) With respect to any corporate representative other than a present or former director or officer, the Corporation may indemnify such corporate representative in connection with a proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by and in accordance with the indemnification Section; provided, however, that to the extent a corporate representative other than a present or former director or officer successfully defends on the merits or otherwise any proceeding referred to in subsections (b) or (c) of the indemnification Section of any claim, issue or matter raised in such proceeding, the Corporation shall not

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indemnify such corporate representative other than a present or former director or officer under the Indemnification Section unless and until it shall have been determined and authorized in the specific case by (I) an affirmative vote at a duly constituted meeting of a majority of the Board of Directors who were not parties to the proceeding; or, (II) an affirmative vote, at a duly constituted meeting of a majority of all the votes cast by members who were not parties to the proceeding, that indemnification of such corporate representative other than a present or former director or officer is proper in the circumstances.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these Articles of Incorporation this 20th day of <u>June</u>, 1983, and I acknowledge same to be my act.

WITNESS:

David Ritter

Elwood H. Hasemann Incorporator

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