

**Application for Recognition of Exemption
Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**

OMB No. 1545-0056

Note: If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Use the instructions to complete this application and for a definition of all **bold** items. For additional help, call IRS Exempt Organizations Customer Account Services toll-free at 1-877-829-5500. Visit our website at www.irs.gov for forms and publications. If the required information and documents are not submitted with payment of the appropriate user fee, the application may be returned to you.

Attach additional sheets to this application if you need more space to answer fully. Put your name and EIN on each sheet and identify each answer by Part and line number. Complete Parts I - XI of Form 1023 and submit only those Schedules (A through H) that apply to you.

Part I Identification of Applicant

1 Full name of organization (exactly as it appears in your organizing document) KNIFE RIGHTS FOUNDATION, INC		2 c/o Name (if applicable) DOUGLAS RITTER
3 Mailing address (Number and street) (see instructions) 313 W TEMPLE CT	Room/Suite	4 Employer Identification Number (EIN) 74-3197994
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 GILBERT, AZ 85233		5 Month the annual accounting period ends (01 - 12) 9
6 Primary contact (officer, director, trustee, or authorized representative) a Name: DOUGLAS RITTER		b Phone: 602-476-2702 c Fax: (optional)
7 Are you represented by an authorized representative, such as an attorney or accountant? If "Yes," provide the authorized representative's name, and the name and address of the authorized representative's firm. Include a completed Form 2848, <i>Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative</i>, with your application if you would like us to communicate with your representative. <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
8 Was a person who is not one of your officers, directors, trustees, employees, or an authorized representative listed in line 7, paid, or promised payment, to help plan, manage, or advise you about the structure or activities of your organization, or about your financial or tax matters? If "Yes," provide the person's name, the name and address of the person's firm, the amounts paid or promised to be paid, and describe that person's role. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> No		
9a Organization's website: www.kniferights.org		
b Organization's email: (optional)		
10 Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exemption, are you claiming to be excused from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If "Yes," explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> No		
11 Date incorporated if a corporation, or formed, if other than a corporation. (MM/DD/YYYY) 12 / 19 / 2006		
12 Were you formed under the laws of a foreign country? If "Yes," state the country. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> No		

Part II Organizational Structure

You must be a corporation (including a limited liability company), an unincorporated association, or a trust to be tax exempt. (See instructions.) **DO NOT** file this form unless you can check "Yes" on lines 1, 2, 3, or 4.

- 1 Are you a corporation? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of incorporation showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they also show state filing certification. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2 Are you a limited liability company (LLC)? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of organization showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach a copy. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they show state filing certification. Refer to the instructions for circumstances when an LLC should not file its own exemption application. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 3 Are you an unincorporated association? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of association, constitution, or other similar organizing document that is dated and includes at least two signatures. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 4a Are you a trust? If "Yes," attach a signed and dated copy of your trust agreement. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b Have you been funded? If "No," explain how you are formed without anything of value placed in trust. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Have you adopted bylaws? If "Yes," attach a current copy showing date of adoption. If "No," explain how your officers, directors, or trustees are selected. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part III Required Provisions in Your Organizing Document

The following questions are designed to ensure that when you file this application, your organizing document contains the required provisions to meet the organizational test under section 501(c)(3). Unless you can check the boxes in both lines 1 and 2, your organizing document does not meet the organizational test. **DO NOT** file this application until you have amended your organizing document. Submit your original and amended organizing documents (showing state filing certification if you are a corporation or an LLC) with your application.

- 1 Section 501(c)(3) requires that your organizing document state your exempt purpose(s), such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement. Describe specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document. Refer to the instructions for exempt purpose language. Location of Purpose Clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph): Article 2 ☒
- 2a Section 501(c)(3) requires that upon dissolution of your organization, your remaining assets must be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box on line 2a to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement by express provision for the distribution of assets upon dissolution. If you rely on state law for your dissolution provision, do not check the box on line 2a and go to line 2c. ☒
- 2b If you checked the box on line 2a, specify the location of your dissolution clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph). Do not complete line 2c if you checked box 2a. Article 5
- 2c See the instructions for information about the operation of state law in your particular state. Check this box if you rely on operation of state law for your dissolution provision and indicate the state: ☐

Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities

Using an attachment, describe your *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors

- 1a List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your officers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual compensation, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
DOUGLAS RITTER	CHAIRMAN	313 W TEMPLE CT GILBERT, AZ 85233	0
ETHAN BECKER	DIRECTOR	678 MT PLEASANT RD VONORE, TN 37885	0
DAVID PULVER	SEC/TREASURER	3169 E SIERRA VISTA PHOENIX, AZ 85016	0
PETE BROWNE	DIRECTOR	200 SOUTH FRONT STREET MONTEZUMA, IA 50171	0
TOM GRESHAM	DIRECTOR	119 AMELIA LANE COVINGTON, LA	0

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

b List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of each of your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation. Do not include officers, directors, or trustees listed in line 1a.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
NONE			

c List the names, names of businesses, and mailing addresses of your five highest compensated independent contractors that receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
NONE			

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to *past, present, or planned* relationships, transactions, or agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

- 2a** Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to each other through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Do you have a business relationship with any of your officers, directors, or trustees other than through their position as an officer, director, or trustee? If "Yes," identify the individuals and describe the business relationship with each of your officers, directors, or trustees. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- c** Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1b or 1c through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship. ☐ Yes ☒ No

3a For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties.

- b** Do any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to you through common control? If "Yes," identify the individuals, explain the relationship between you and the other organization, and describe the compensation arrangement. ☐ Yes ☒ No

4 In establishing the compensation for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, the following practices are recommended, although they are not required to obtain exemption. Answer "Yes" to all the practices you use.

- a** Do you or will the individuals that approve compensation arrangements follow a conflict of interest policy? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements in advance of paying compensation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- c** Do you or will you document in writing the date and terms of approved compensation arrangements? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

- d** Do you or will you record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on compensation arrangements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by similarly situated taxable or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations? Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- f** Do you or will you record in writing both the information on which you relied to base your decision and its source? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- g** If you answered "No" to any item on lines 4a through 4f, describe how you set compensation that is reasonable for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

- 5a** Have you adopted a conflict of interest policy consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If "No," answer lines 5b and 5c. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you for setting their own compensation?
- c** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you regarding business deals with themselves?

Note: A conflict of interest policy is recommended though it is not required to obtain exemption. Hospitals, see Schedule C, Section I, line 14.

- 6a** Do you or will you compensate any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is eligible for such arrangements, whether you place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Do you or will you compensate any of your employees, other than your officers, directors, trustees, or your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year, through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are or will be determined, who is or will be eligible for such arrangements, whether you place or will place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation. ☐ Yes ☒ No

- 7a** Do you or will you purchase any goods, services, or assets from any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such purchase that you made or intend to make, from whom you make or will make such purchases, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such purchases. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Do you or will you sell any goods, services, or assets to any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such sales that you made or intend to make, to whom you make or will make such sales, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you are or will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such sales. ☐ Yes ☒ No

- 8a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8b through 8f. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make.
- c** Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d** Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e** Explain how you determine you pay no more than fair market value or you are paid at least fair market value.
- f** Attach copies of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

- 9a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with any organization in which any of your officers, directors, or trustees are also officers, directors, or trustees, or in which any individual officer, director, or trustee owns more than a 35% interest? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 9b through 9f. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)

- b Describe any written or oral arrangements you made or intend to make.
- c Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e Explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or that you are paid at least fair market value.
- f Attach a copy of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

Part VI Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to goods, services, and funds you provide to individuals and organizations as part of your activities. Your answers should pertain to *past, present, and planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1a In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to organizations? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to organizations. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 2 Do any of your programs limit the provision of goods, services, or funds to a specific individual or group of specific individuals? For example, answer "Yes," if goods, services, or funds are provided only for a particular individual, your members, individuals who work for a particular employer, or graduates of a particular school. If "Yes," explain the limitation and how recipients are selected for each program. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 3 Do any individuals who receive goods, services, or funds through your programs have a family or business relationship with any officer, director, trustee, or with any of your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c? If "Yes," explain how these related individuals are eligible for goods, services, or funds. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part VII Your History

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to your history. (See instructions.)

- 1 Are you a successor to another organization? Answer "Yes," if you have taken or will take over the activities of another organization; you took over 25% or more of the fair market value of the net assets of another organization; or you were established upon the conversion of an organization from for-profit to non-profit status. If "Yes," complete Schedule G. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 2 Are you submitting this application more than 27 months after the end of the month in which you were legally formed? If "Yes," complete Schedule E. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part VIII Your Specific Activities

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to specific activities that you may conduct. Check the appropriate box. Your answers should pertain to *past, present, and planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1 Do you support or oppose candidates in political campaigns in any way? If "Yes," explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 2a Do you attempt to influence legislation? If "Yes," explain how you attempt to influence legislation and complete line 2b. If "No," go to line 3a. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b Have you made or are you making an election to have your legislative activities measured by expenditures by filing Form 5768? If "Yes," attach a copy of the Form 5768 that was already filed or attach a completed Form 5768 that you are filing with this application. If "No," describe whether your attempts to influence legislation are a substantial part of your activities. Include the time and money spent on your attempts to influence legislation as compared to your total activities. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3a Do you or will you operate bingo or gaming activities? If "Yes," describe who conducts them, and list all revenue received or expected to be received and expenses paid or expected to be paid in operating these activities. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b Do you or will you enter into contracts or other agreements with individuals or organizations to conduct bingo or gaming for you? If "Yes," describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make, identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements, explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or you will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies or any written contracts or other agreements relating to such arrangements. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- c List the states and local jurisdictions, including Indian Reservations, in which you conduct or will conduct gaming or bingo.

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

4a Do you or will you undertake fundraising? If "Yes," check all the fundraising programs you do or will conduct. (See instructions.) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> mail solicitations | <input type="checkbox"/> phone solicitations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> email solicitations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> accept donations on your website |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> personal solicitations | <input type="checkbox"/> receive donations from another organization's website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vehicle, boat, plane, or similar donations | <input type="checkbox"/> government grant solicitations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> foundation grant solicitations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Attach a description of each fundraising program.

b Do you or will you have written or oral contracts with any individuals or organizations to raise funds for you? If "Yes," describe these activities. Include all revenue and expenses from these activities and state who conducts them. Revenue and expenses should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data. Also, attach a copy of any contracts or agreements. ☐ Yes ☒ No

c Do you or will you engage in fundraising activities for other organizations? If "Yes," describe these arrangements. Include a description of the organizations for which you raise funds and attach copies of all contracts or agreements. ☐ Yes ☒ No

d List all states and local jurisdictions in which you conduct fundraising. For each state or local jurisdiction listed, specify whether you fundraise for your own organization, you fundraise for another organization, or another organization fundraises for you.

e Do you or will you maintain separate accounts for any contributor under which the contributor has the right to advise on the use or distribution of funds? Answer "Yes" if the donor may provide advice on the types of investments, distributions from the types of investments, or the distribution from the donor's contribution account. If "Yes," describe this program, including the type of advice that may be provided and submit copies of any written materials provided to donors. ☐ Yes ☒ No

5 Are you affiliated with a governmental unit? If "Yes," explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

6a Do you or will you engage in economic development? If "Yes," describe your program. ☐ Yes ☒ No

b Describe in full who benefits from your economic development activities and how the activities promote exempt purposes.

7a Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers develop your facilities? If "Yes," describe each facility, the role of the developer, and any business or family relationship(s) between the developer and your officers, directors, or trustees. ☐ Yes ☒ No

b Do or will persons other than your employees or volunteers manage your activities or facilities? If "Yes," describe each activity and facility, the role of the manager, and any business or family relationship(s) between the manager and your officers, directors, or trustees. ☐ Yes ☒ No

c If there is a business or family relationship between any manager or developer and your officers, directors, or trustees, identify the individuals, explain the relationship, describe how contracts are negotiated at arm's length so that you pay no more than fair market value, and submit a copy of any contracts or other agreements.

8 Do you or will you enter into joint ventures, including partnerships or limited liability companies treated as partnerships, in which you share profits and losses with partners other than section 501(c)(3) organizations? If "Yes," describe the activities of these joint ventures in which you participate. ☐ Yes ☒ No

9a Are you applying for exemption as a childcare organization under section 501(k)? If "Yes," answer lines 9b through 9d. If "No," go to line 10. ☐ Yes ☒ No

b Do you provide child care so that parents or caretakers of children you care for can be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). ☐ Yes ☐ No

c Of the children for whom you provide child care, are 85% or more of them cared for by you to enable their parents or caretakers to be gainfully employed (see instructions)? If "No," explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). ☐ Yes ☐ No

d Are your services available to the general public? If "No," describe the specific group of people for whom your activities are available. Also, see the instructions and explain how you qualify as a childcare organization described in section 501(k). ☐ Yes ☐ No

10 Do you or will you publish, own, or have rights in music, literature, tapes, artworks, choreography, scientific discoveries, or other intellectual property? If "Yes," explain. Describe who owns or will own any copyrights, patents, or trademarks, whether fees are or will be charged, how the fees are determined, and how any items are or will be produced, distributed, and marketed. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

- 11** Do you or will you accept contributions of: real property; conservation easements; closely held securities; intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights; works of music or art; licenses; royalties; automobiles, boats, planes, or other vehicles; or collectibles of any type? If "Yes," describe each type of contribution, any conditions imposed by the donor on the contribution, and any agreements with the donor regarding the contribution. ☐ Yes ☒ No
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- 12a** Do you or will you operate in a foreign country or countries? If "Yes," answer lines 12b through 12d. If "No," go to line 13a. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Name the foreign countries and regions within the countries in which you operate.
- c** Describe your operations in each country and region in which you operate.
- d** Describe how your operations in each country and region further your exempt purposes.
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- 13a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to organization(s)? If "Yes," answer lines 13b through 13g. If "No," go to line 14a. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Describe how your grants, loans, or other distributions to organizations further your exempt purposes.
- c** Do you have written contracts with each of these organizations? If "Yes," attach a copy of each contract. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- d** Identify each recipient organization and any relationship between you and the recipient organization.
- e** Describe the records you keep with respect to the grants, loans, or other distributions you make.
- f** Describe your selection process, including whether you do any of the following:
- (i)** Do you require an application form? If "Yes," attach a copy of the form. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- (ii)** Do you require a grant proposal? If "Yes," describe whether the grant proposal specifies your responsibilities and those of the grantee, obligates the grantee to use the grant funds only for the purposes for which the grant was made, provides for periodic written reports concerning the use of grant funds, requires a final written report and an accounting of how grant funds were used, and acknowledges your authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- g** Describe your procedures for oversight of distributions that assure you the resources are used to further your exempt purposes, including whether you require periodic and final reports on the use of resources.
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- 14a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to foreign organizations? If "Yes," answer lines 14b through 14f. If "No," go to line 15. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Provide the name of each foreign organization, the country and regions within a country in which each foreign organization operates, and describe any relationship you have with each foreign organization.
- c** Does any foreign organization listed in line 14b accept contributions earmarked for a specific country or specific organization? If "Yes," list all earmarked organizations or countries. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- d** Do your contributors know that you have ultimate authority to use contributions made to you at your discretion for purposes consistent with your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe how you relay this information to contributors. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- e** Do you or will you make pre-grant inquiries about the recipient organization? If "Yes," describe these inquiries, including whether you inquire about the recipient's financial status, its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, its ability to accomplish the purpose for which the resources are provided, and other relevant information. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- f** Do you or will you use any additional procedures to ensure that your distributions to foreign organizations are used in furtherance of your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe these procedures, including site visits by your employees or compliance checks by impartial experts, to verify that grant funds are being used appropriately. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part VIII Your Specific Activities (Continued)

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| 15 | Do you have a close connection with any organizations? If "Yes," explain. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 16 | Are you applying for exemption as a cooperative hospital service organization under section 501(e)? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 17 | Are you applying for exemption as a cooperative service organization of operating educational organizations under section 501(f)? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 18 | Are you applying for exemption as a charitable risk pool under section 501(n)? If "Yes," explain. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 19 | Do you or will you operate a school? If "Yes," complete Schedule B. Answer "Yes," whether you operate a school as your main function or as a secondary activity. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 20 | Is your main function to provide hospital or medical care? If "Yes," complete Schedule C. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 21 | Do you or will you provide low-income housing or housing for the elderly or handicapped? If "Yes," complete Schedule F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 22 | Do you or will you provide scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants to individuals, including grants for travel, study, or other similar purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

Note: Private foundations may use Schedule H to request advance approval of individual grant procedures.

Part IX Financial Data

For purposes of this schedule, years in existence refer to completed tax years. If in existence 4 or more years, complete the schedule for the most recent 4 tax years. If in existence more than 1 year but less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence and provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. If in existence less than 1 year, provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses for the current year and the 2 following years, based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. (See instructions.)

A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	Type of revenue or expense	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or 2 succeeding tax years				(e) Provide Total for (a) through (d)
		(a) From 10/01/09 To 09/30/10	(b) From 10/01/08 To 09/30/09	(c) From 10/01/07 To 09/30/08	(d) From 12/13/06 To 09/30/07		
Revenues	1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants)	39722	0	0	300		40022
	2 Membership fees received						
	3 Gross investment income						
	4 Net unrelated business income						
	5 Taxes levied for your benefit						
	6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)						
	7 Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9-12 below (attach an itemized list)						
	8 Total of lines 1 through 7						
	9 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)						
	10 Total of lines 8 and 9						
	11 Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see instructions)						
	12 Unusual grants						
	13 Total Revenue Add lines 10 through 12	39722			300		40022
Expenses	14 Fundraising expenses						
	15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list)						
	16 Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an itemized list)						
	17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees						
	18 Other salaries and wages						
	19 Interest expense						
	20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)						
	21 Depreciation and depletion						
	22 Professional fees						
	23 Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list)						
	24 Total Expenses Add lines 14 through 23	0	0	0	0		

Part IX Financial Data (Continued)**B. Balance Sheet (for your most recently completed tax year)**

Year End: 9/10

Assets		(Whole dollars)
1	Cash	40022
2	Accounts receivable, net	
3	Inventories	
4	Bonds and notes receivable (attach an itemized list)	
5	Corporate stocks (attach an itemized list)	
6	Loans receivable (attach an itemized list)	
7	Other investments (attach an itemized list)	
8	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach an itemized list)	
9	Land	
10	Other assets (attach an itemized list)	
11	Total Assets (add lines 1 through 10)	40022
Liabilities		
12	Accounts payable	
13	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. payable	
14	Mortgages and notes payable (attach an itemized list)	
15	Other liabilities (attach an itemized list)	
16	Total Liabilities (add lines 12 through 15)	
Fund Balances or Net Assets		
17	Total fund balances or net assets	40022
18	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances or Net Assets (add lines 16 and 17)	40022
19	Have there been any substantial changes in your assets or liabilities since the end of the period shown above? If "Yes," explain. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Part X Public Charity Status

Part X is designed to classify you as an organization that is either a private foundation or a public charity. Public charity status is a more favorable tax status than private foundation status. If you are a private foundation, Part X is designed to further determine whether you are a private operating foundation. (See instructions.)

1a Are you a private foundation? If "Yes," go to line 1b. If "No," go to line 5 and proceed as instructed. ☐ Yes ☒ No
If you are unsure, see the instructions.

b As a private foundation, section 508(e) requires special provisions in your organizing documents in addition to those that apply to all organizations described in section 501(c)(3). Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement, whether by express provision or by reliance on operation of state law. Attach a statement that describes specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document or by operation of state law. See the instructions, including Appendix B, for information about the special provisions that need to be contained in your organizing document. Go to line 2. ☐

2 Are you a private operating foundation? To be a private operating foundation you must engage directly in the active conduct of charitable, religious, educational, and similar activities, as opposed to indirectly carrying out these activities by providing grants to individuals or other organizations. If "Yes," go to line 3. If "No," go to the signature section of Part XI. ☐ Yes ☒ No

3 Have you existed for one or more years? If "Yes," attach financial information showing that you are a private operating foundation; go to the signature section of Part XI. If "No," continue to line 4. ☐ Yes ☐ No

4 Have you attached either (1) an affidavit or opinion of counsel, (including a written affidavit or opinion from a certified public accountant or accounting firm with expertise regarding this tax law matter), that sets forth facts concerning your operations and support to demonstrate that you are likely to satisfy the requirements to be classified as a private operating foundation; or (2) a statement describing your proposed operations as a private operating foundation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 If you answered "No" to line 1a, indicate the type of public charity status you are requesting by checking one of the choices below. You may check only one box.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is:

a 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)—a church or a convention or association of churches. Complete and attach Schedule A. ☐

b 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)—a school. Complete and attach Schedule B. ☐

c 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)—a hospital, a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Complete and attach Schedule C. ☐

d 509(a)(3)—an organization supporting either one or more organizations described in line 5a through c, f, g, or h or a publicly supported section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organization. Complete and attach Schedule D. ☐

Part X Public Charity Status (Continued)

- e** 509(a)(4)—an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety. ☐
- f** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)—an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit. ☐
- g** 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)—an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public. ☒
- h** 509(a)(2)—an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross investment income and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions). ☐
- i** A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in 5g or 5h. The organization would like the IRS to decide the correct status. ☐

6 If you checked box g, h, or i in question 5 above, you must request either an **advance** or a **definitive ruling** by selecting one of the boxes below. Refer to the instructions to determine which type of ruling you are eligible to receive.

- a Request for Advance Ruling:** By checking this box and signing the consent, pursuant to section 6501(c)(4) of the Code you request an advance ruling and agree to extend the statute of limitations on the assessment of excise tax under section 4940 of the Code. The tax will apply only if you do not establish public support status at the end of the 5-year advance ruling period. The assessment period will be extended for the 5 advance ruling years to 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first year. You have the right to refuse or limit the extension to a mutually agreed-upon period of time or issue(s). Publication 1035, *Extending the Tax Assessment Period*, provides a more detailed explanation of your rights and the consequences of the choices you make. You may obtain Publication 1035 free of charge from the IRS web site at www.irs.gov or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676. Signing this consent will not deprive you of any appeal rights to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you decide not to extend the statute of limitations, you are not eligible for an advance ruling. ☐

Consent Fixing Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code

For Organization

(Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

(Type or print name of signer)

(Date)

(Type or print title or authority of signer)

For IRS Use Only

IRS Director, Exempt Organizations

(Date)

- b Request for Definitive Ruling:** Check this box if you have completed one tax year of at least 8 full months and you are requesting a definitive ruling. To confirm your public support status, answer line 6b(i) if you checked box g in line 5 above. Answer line 6b(ii) if you checked box h in line 5 above. If you checked box i in line 5 above, answer both lines 6b(i) and (ii). ☐

(i) **(a)** Enter 2% of line 8, column (e) on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses. ☐

(b) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box. ☐

(ii) **(a)** For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each **disqualified person**. If the answer is "None," check this box. ☐

(b) For each year amounts are included on line 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) 1% of line 10, Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) \$5,000. If the answer is "None," check this box. ☐

- 7** Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part XI User Fee Information

You must include a user fee payment with this application. It will not be processed without your paid user fee. If your average annual gross receipts have exceeded or will exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, you must submit payment of \$750. If your gross receipts have not exceeded or will not exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, the required user fee payment is \$300. See instructions for Part XI, for a definition of gross receipts over a 4-year period. Your check or money order must be made payable to the United States Treasury. User fees are subject to change. Check our website at www.irs.gov and type "User Fee" in the keyword box, or call Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500 for current information.

- 1 Have your annual gross receipts averaged or are they expected to average not more than \$10,000? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," check the box on line 2 and enclose a user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change—see above).
If "No," check the box on line 3 and enclose a user fee payment of ~~\$750~~ (Subject to change—see above). **\$50-**
- 2 Check the box if you have enclosed the reduced user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change). ☐
- 3 Check the box if you have enclosed the user fee payment of \$750 (Subject to change). **\$50-** ☒

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please
Sign
Here

.....
(Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other
authorized official)

.....
(Type or print name of signer)

.....
(Date)

.....
(Type or print title or authority of signer)

Reminder: Send the completed Form 1023 Checklist with your filled-in-application.

Form **1023** (Rev. 6-2006)

Schedule E. Organizations Not Filing Form 1023 Within 27 Months of Formation

Schedule E is intended to determine whether you are eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) from the postmark date of your application or from your date of incorporation or formation, whichever is earlier. If you are not eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) from your date of incorporation or formation, Schedule E is also intended to determine whether you are eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(4) for the period between your date of incorporation or formation and the postmark date of your application.

- 1** Are you a church, association of churches, or integrated auxiliary of a church? If "Yes," complete Schedule A and stop here. Do not complete the remainder of Schedule E. ☐ Yes ☒ No
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- 2a** Are you a public charity with annual gross receipts that are normally \$5,000 or less? If "Yes," stop here. Answer "No" if you are a private foundation, regardless of your gross receipts. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If your gross receipts were normally more than \$5,000, are you filing this application within 90 days from the end of the tax year in which your gross receipts were normally more than \$5,000? If "Yes," stop here. ☒ Yes ☐ No
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- 3a** Were you included as a subordinate in a group exemption application or letter? If "No," go to line 4. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** If you were included as a subordinate in a group exemption letter, are you filing this application within 27 months from the date you were notified by the organization holding the group exemption letter or the Internal Revenue Service that you cease to be covered by the group exemption letter? If "Yes," stop here. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c** If you were included as a subordinate in a timely filed group exemption request that was denied, are you filing this application within 27 months from the postmark date of the Internal Revenue Service final adverse ruling letter? If "Yes," stop here. ☐ Yes ☐ No
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- 4** Were you created on or before October 9, 1969? If "Yes," stop here. Do not complete the remainder of this schedule. ☐ Yes ☐ No
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- 5** If you answered "No" to lines 1 through 4, we cannot recognize you as tax exempt from your date of formation unless you qualify for an extension of time to apply for exemption. Do you wish to request an extension of time to apply to be recognized as exempt from the date you were formed? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining why you did not file this application within the 27-month period. Do not answer lines 6, 7, or 8. If "No," go to line 6a. ☐ Yes ☐ No
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- 6a** If you answered "No" to line 5, you can only be exempt under section 501(c)(3) from the postmark date of this application. Therefore, do you want us to treat this application as a request for tax exemption from the postmark date? If "Yes," you are eligible for an advance ruling. Complete Part X, line 6a. If "No," you will be treated as a private foundation. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Note.** Be sure your ruling eligibility agrees with your answer to Part X, line 6.
- b** Do you anticipate significant changes in your sources of support in the future? If "Yes," complete line 7 below. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF A TAX EXEMPT

KNIFE RIGHTS FOUNDATION, INC.

(Arizona Non-Profit Corporation)

1. Name: The name of the Corporation is Knife Rights Foundation, Inc.
2. Purpose: The purpose for which the Corporation is organized is one or more of charitable purposes specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
3. Character of Affairs: The character of affairs of the corporation will be to engage in activities that promote the legal, safe and responsible ownership, carry and use of knives and edged tools, promote education in and an appreciation for the history of knives and edged tools and may also engage in any and all activities and for any and all purposes permitted by law of non-profit corporations, which activities and purposes the Board of Directors may authorize from time to time.
4. No part of the net earnings of the corporation may inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2. 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 501(c)(3) or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws.
5. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) 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.
6. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws), and this 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.
7. In any taxable year in which this corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the corporation 1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; 2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; 3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; 4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and 5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws).

8. The power of indemnification under the Arizona Revised Statutes shall not be denied or limited by the bylaws.

9. Board of Directors: The initial board of directors shall consist of four director(s) and thereafter will be fixed by the bylaws. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the director(s) until the first annual meeting of the members (Board of Directors), or until their successor(s) is(are) elected and qualifies are:

Douglas S. Ritter, 313 W. Temple Ct., Gilbert, AZ, 85233
Tom Gresham, P.O. Box 665, Natchitoches, LA 71458
Ethan Becker, 678 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Vonore, TN 37885
Alan Romania, 4902 S. Meadows Pl., Chandler, AZ 85248

10. Known Place of Business: The street address of the known place of business of the Corporation is: 313 W. Temple Ct., Gilbert, AZ, 85233

11. Statutory Agent: The name and address of the statutory agent of the Corporation is: Douglas S. Ritter, 313 W. Temple Ct., Gilbert, AZ, 85233

12. Incorporator: The name and address of the incorporator is: Douglas S. Ritter, 313 W. Temple Ct., Gilbert, AZ, 85233

All powers, duties and responsibilities of the incorporator shall cease at the time of delivery of these Articles of Incorporation to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

13. Discrimination: The Corporation will not practice or permit discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, national origin, religion, or physical handicap or disability.

14. Members: The Corporation will not have members.

EXECUTED this 11th day of DECEMBER, 2006 by the incorporator.

Signed: _____

Douglas S. Ritter

PHONE 480-598-1501 FAX 480-496-0282

Acceptance of Appointment By Statutory Agent

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment as statutory agent of the above-named corporation effective this 11th day of DECEMBER, 2006.

Signed _____

DOUG RITTER
[Print Name Here]

[If signing on behalf of a company serving as statutory agent, print company name here]

BYLAWS
OF
KNIFE RIGHTS FOUNDATION, INC.

ARTICLE 1
OFFICES

SECTION 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the corporation is located in Maricopa County, State of Arizona.

SECTION 2. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The designation of the county or state of the corporation's principal office may be changed by amendment of these Bylaws. The Board of Directors may change the principal office from one location to another within the named county by noting the changed address and effective date below, and such changes of address shall not be deemed, nor require, an amendment of these Bylaws:

_____ Dated: _____, _____
_____ Dated: _____, _____
_____ Dated: _____, _____

SECTION 3. OTHER OFFICES

The corporation may also have offices at such other places, within or without its state of incorporation, where it is qualified to do business, as its business and activities may require, and as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, designate.

ARTICLE 2
NONPROFIT PURPOSES

SECTION 1. IRS SECTION 501(C)(3) PURPOSES

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 2. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The specific objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be:

1. Encouraging safe and responsible use of knives and edged tools through education and outreach;
2. Educating knife owners, public officials and the general public about the history of knives and edged tools;
3. Educating knife owners, public officials and the general public about knife and edged tool related laws and regulations
4. Defense of knife owners and their civil rights through litigation
5. to engage in any and all activities and for any and all purposes as shall be permitted by law for non-profit organizations.

ARTICLE 3 DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. NUMBER

The corporation shall have up to 15 directors and collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. All director positions need not be filled. The Board of Directors shall determine the number of director positions to be filled.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS

Directors shall be of the age of majority in this state. Directors shall be U.S. Citizens.

SECTION 3. POWERS

Subject to the provisions of the laws of this state and any limitations in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws relating to action required or permitted to be taken or approved by the members, if any, of this corporation, the activities and affairs of this corporation shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. DUTIES

It shall be the duty of the directors to:

- (a) Perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws;

(b) Appoint and remove, employ and discharge, and, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation, if any, of all officers, agents and employees of the corporation;

(c) Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the corporation to assure that their duties are performed properly;

(d) Meet at such times and places as required by these Bylaws;

(e) Register their physical and email addresses with the Secretary of the corporation, and notices of meetings mailed or emailed to them at such addresses shall be valid notices thereof.

SECTION 5. TERM OF OFFICE

Each year, one-third of the authorized number of directors shall be elected to serve on the board of directors. Each director shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and qualifies. There is no limit on the number of terms a director may serve.

If, at a meeting for the election of directors, more than one group of initial board members may be appointed or elected to a first staggered term of office, then the secretary of the corporation shall assign each director to a numbered group and shall make a chance selection between or among the numbered groups (by selecting among numbered lots or some other chance selection procedure). The group corresponding to the number chosen shall be subject to election to a staggered term.

SECTION 6. COMPENSATION

Except as allowed by the Bylaws when operating as an officer of the corporation, Directors shall serve without compensation except that a reasonable fee may be paid to directors for attending regular and special meetings of the board. In addition, they shall be allowed reasonable advancement or reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 7. PLACE OF MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation unless otherwise provided by the board or at such other place as may be designated from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. Meetings utilizing e-conferencing, teleconferencing or video-conferencing shall be permitted.

SECTION 8. REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings of Directors shall be held on September 15 at 10:00 A.M, unless such day falls on a legal holiday or weekend, in which event the regular meeting shall be held at the same hour and place on the next business day.

Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Voting for the election of directors shall be by written ballot. Each director shall cast one vote per candidate, and may vote for as many candidates as the number of candidates to be elected to the board. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of directors to be elected shall be elected to serve on the board.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairperson of the Board, the Executive Director, by any three directors, or, if different, by the persons specifically authorized under the laws of this state to call special meetings of the board. Such meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation or, if different, at the place designated by the person or persons calling the special meeting.

SECTION 10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Unless otherwise provided by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or provisions of law, the following provisions shall govern the giving of notice for meetings of the Board of Directors:

(a) Regular Meetings. No notice need be given of any regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

(b) Special Meetings. At least one week prior notice shall be given by the Secretary of the corporation to each director of each special meeting of the board. Such notice may be oral or written, may be given personally, by first class mail, by telephone, by facsimile machine, or by email, and shall state the place, date and time of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted upon at the meeting. In the case of first class mail (excepting that sent with return receipt), facsimile or email notification, the director to be contacted shall acknowledge personal receipt of the notice by a return message or telephone call within twenty-four hours of the first transmission.

(c) Waiver of Notice. Whenever any notice of a meeting is required to be given to any director of this corporation under provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or the law of this state, a waiver of notice in writing signed by the director, whether before or after the time of the meeting, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice.

SECTION 11. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

Except as otherwise provided under the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or provisions of law, no business shall be considered by the board at any meeting at which

the required quorum is not present, and the only motion which the Chair shall entertain at such meeting is a motion to adjourn.

SECTION 12. MAJORITY ACTION AS BOARD ACTION

Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present is the act of the Board of Directors, unless the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or provisions of law require a greater percentage or different voting rules for approval of a matter by the board.

SECTION 13. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the Chairperson of the Board, or, if no such person has been so designated or, in his or her absence, the Chairman of the corporation or, in his or her absence, by the Vice Chairman of the corporation or, in the absence of each of these persons, by a Chairperson chosen by a majority of the directors present at the meeting. The Secretary of the corporation shall act as secretary of all meetings of the board, provided that, in his or her absence, the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as Secretary of the Meeting.

Meetings shall be governed by such procedures as may be approved from time to time by the Board of Directors, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or with provisions of law.

SECTION 14. VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall exist (1) on the death, resignation or removal of any director, and (2) whenever the number of authorized directors is increased.

Any director may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Chairperson of the Board, the Chairman, the Secretary, or the Board of Directors, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. No director may resign if the corporation would then be left without a duly elected director or directors in charge of its affairs, except upon notice to the Office of the Attorney General or other appropriate agency of this state.

Directors may be removed from office, with or without cause, as permitted by and in accordance with the laws of this state.

Unless otherwise prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws or provisions of law, vacancies on the board may be filled by approval of the Board of Directors. If the number of directors then in office is less than a quorum, a vacancy on the board may be filled by approval of a majority of the directors then in office or by a sole remaining director. A person elected to fill a vacancy on the board shall hold office until

the next election of the Board of Directors or until his or her death, resignation or removal from office.

SECTION 15. NONLIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

The directors shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the corporation.

SECTION 16. INDEMNIFICATION BY CORPORATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The directors and officers of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation to the fullest extent permissible under the laws of this state.

SECTION 17. INSURANCE FOR CORPORATE AGENTS

Except as may be otherwise provided under provisions of law, the Board of Directors may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of any agent of the corporation (including a director, officer, employee or other agent of the corporation) against liabilities asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws or provisions of law.

SECTION 18. RESTRICTIONS ON INTERESTED PERSONS

Not more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the persons serving on the Board of Directors at any time may be Interested Persons. An Interested Person is (a) any person being compensated by the Corporation 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 or reimbursement paid to a Director as a director; or (b) any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of any such person. However, any violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any transaction entered into by the Corporation.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall be a Chairperson acting as Chief Executive Officer, a President or Executive Director acting as Chief Operating Officer, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, the latter two positions may be filled by the same person. The positions

of Chairperson and President/Executive Director may be filled by the same person. The corporation may also have one or more a Vice-Chairmen, Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers, and other such officers with such titles as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Only the positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are required to be filled.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS

Any U.S. citizen may serve as officer of this corporation.

SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors, at any time, and each officer shall hold office until he or she resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION

Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the Board of Directors, at any time. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the Chairperson or Secretary of the corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. The above provisions of this Section shall be superseded by any conflicting terms of a contract that has been approved or ratified by the Board of Directors relating to the employment of any officer of the corporation.

SECTION 5. VACANCIES

Any vacancy caused by the death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, of any officer shall be filled by the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than that of Chairperson, such vacancy may be filled temporarily by appointment by the Chairperson until such time as the Board shall fill the vacancy. Vacancies occurring in offices of officers appointed at the discretion of the board may or may not be filled as the Board shall determine.

SECTION 6. DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, supervise and control the affairs of the corporation and the activities of the officers. He or she shall perform all duties incident to his or her office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the

Board of Directors. Unless another person is specifically appointed as Chairperson of the Board of Directors, the Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, he or she shall, in the name of the corporation, execute such deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments which may from time to time be authorized by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. DUTIES OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

In the absence of the Chairperson, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice Chairperson shall perform all the duties of the Chairman, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions on, the Chairman. The Vice Chairperson shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. DUTIES OF SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

Certify and keep at the principal office of the corporation the original, or a copy, of these Bylaws as amended or otherwise altered to date.

Keep at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place as the board may determine, a book of minutes of all meetings of the directors, and, if applicable, meetings of committees of directors and of members, recording therein the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, how called, how notice thereof was given, the names of those present or represented at the meeting, and the proceedings thereof.

See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law.

Be custodian of the records and of the seal of the corporation and affix the seal, as authorized by law or the provisions of these Bylaws, to duly executed documents of the corporation.

Exhibit at all reasonable times to any director of the corporation, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefore, the Bylaws and the minutes of the proceedings of the directors of the corporation.

In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. DUTIES OF TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:

Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the corporation, and deposit all such funds in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors.

Receive, and give receipt for, monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever.

Disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the corporation as may be directed by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements.

Keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the corporation's properties and business transactions, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses.

Exhibit at all reasonable times the books of account and financial records to any director of the corporation, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefore.

Render to the Chairman and directors, whenever requested, an account of any or all of his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation.

Prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify, or cause to be certified, the financial statements to be included in any required reports.

In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 10. COMPENSATION

The salaries of the officers, if any, shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. In all cases, any salaries received by officers of this corporation shall be reasonable and given in return for services actually rendered to or for the corporation.

A Director who is paid compensation for his or her services rendered to the Corporation, excluding any reasonable fee or reimbursement paid to a Director for service as a director, shall be called a Compensated Director. A similarly paid relative of a Director including brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of a Director shall be called a Compensated Relative.

Compensation paid to any Compensated Director or Compensated Relative for services rendered to the Corporation (other than as a Director) shall be negotiated and recommended by a Compensation Committee comprised of no less than two unrelated independent Directors and shall be voted on by the Board of Directors, excluding the vote

of that Compensated Director or the Director with a family member who is such a Compensated Relative. This procedure shall be in effect whether such compensated service shall be rendered as a full-time or part-time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise.

ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote of its members, designate an Executive Committee consisting of no less than three board members and may delegate to such committee the powers and authority of the board in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, to the extent permitted, and except as may otherwise be provided, by provisions of law. In no case may the Executive Committee amend these Bylaws.

By a majority vote of its members, the Board of Directors may at any time revoke or modify any or all of the Executive Committee authority so delegated, increase or decrease but not below two (2) the number of the members of the Executive Committee, and fill vacancies on the Executive Committee from the members of the board. The Executive Committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings, cause them to be filed with the corporate records, and report the same to the board from time to time as the board may require.

SECTION 2. OTHER COMMITTEES

The corporation shall have such other committees as may from time to time be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors. These committees may consist of persons who are not also members of the board and shall act in an advisory capacity to the board.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS AND ACTION OF COMMITTEES

Meetings and action of committees shall be governed by, noticed, held and taken in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws concerning meetings of the Board of Directors, with such changes in the context of such Bylaw provisions as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board of Directors and its members, except that the time for regular and special meetings of committees may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors or by the committee. The Board of Directors may also adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of meetings of committees to the extent that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE 6

EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

SECTION 1. EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

The Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, may by resolution authorize any officer or agent of the corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

SECTION 2. CHECKS AND NOTES

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the corporation in excess of \$15,000.00 shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairperson of the corporation. Payments in amounts of \$15,000 or less may be disbursed by the Chairperson or its President/Executive Director.

SECTION 3. DEPOSITS

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

SECTION 4. GIFTS

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the nonprofit purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE 7

CORPORATE RECORDS, REPORTS AND SEAL

SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE RECORDS

The corporation shall keep at its principal office:

(a) Minutes of all meetings of directors, committees of the board and, if this corporation has members, of all meetings of members, indicating the time and place of holding such meetings, whether regular or special, how called, the notice given, and the names of those present and the proceedings thereof;

(b) Adequate and correct books and records of account, including accounts of its properties and business transactions and accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses;

(c) A record of its members, if any, indicating their names and addresses and, if applicable, the class of membership held by each member and the termination date of any membership;

(d) A copy of the corporation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as amended to date, which shall be open to inspection by the members, if any, of the corporation at all reasonable times during office hours.

SECTION 2. CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors may adopt, use, and at will alter, a corporate seal. Such seal shall be kept at the principal office of the corporation. Failure to affix the seal to corporate instruments, however, shall not affect the validity of any such instrument.

SECTION 3. DIRECTORS' INSPECTION RIGHTS

Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect and copy all books, records and documents of every kind and to inspect the physical properties of the corporation and shall have such other rights to inspect the books, records and properties of this corporation as may be required under the Articles of Incorporation, other provisions of these Bylaws, and provisions of law.

SECTION 5. RIGHT TO COPY AND MAKE EXTRACTS

Any inspection under the provisions of this Article may be made in person or by agent or attorney and the right to inspection shall include the right to copy and make extracts.

SECTION 6. PERIODIC REPORT

The board shall cause any annual or periodic report required under law to be prepared and delivered to an office of this state to be so prepared and delivered within the time limits set by law.

ARTICLE 8

IRC 501(C)(4) TAX EXEMPTION PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. LIMITATIONS ON ACTIVITIES

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation [except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code], and this 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 provisions of these Bylaws, this corporation shall not carry on any 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 (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST PRIVATE INUREMENT

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors or 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 of this corporation.

SECTION 3. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Such distribution shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of this state.

SECTION 4. PRIVATE FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

In any taxable year in which this corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the corporation 1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; 2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; 3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; 4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and 5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT

Except as may otherwise be specified under provisions of law, these Bylaws, or any of them, may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws adopted by approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 10 CONSTRUCTION AND TERMS

If there is any conflict between the provisions of these Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation shall govern.

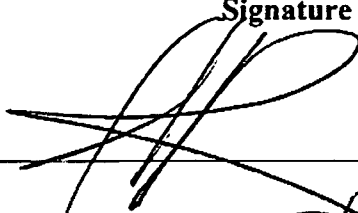
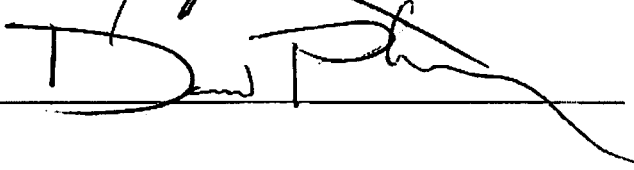
Should any of the provisions or portions of these Bylaws be held unenforceable or invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions and portions of these Bylaws shall be unaffected by such holding.

All references in these Bylaws to the Articles of Incorporation shall be to the Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Organization, Certificate of Incorporation, Organizational Charter, Corporate Charter, or other founding document of this corporation filed with an office of this state and used to establish the legal existence of this corporation.

All references in these Bylaws to a section or sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be to such sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended from time to time, or to corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

We, the undersigned, are all of the initial directors or incorporators of this corporation, and we consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of 14 preceding pages, as the Bylaws of this corporation.

	Signature	Date
Doug Ritter:		<u>12 / 22</u> , 2010
David Pulver:		<u>12 / 22</u> , 2010
Ethan Becker:		<u> </u> / <u> </u> , 2010
Tom Gresham:		<u> </u> / <u> </u> , 2010
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Knife Rights Foundation is dedicated to:

1. Encouraging safe and responsible use of knives and edged tools through education and outreach;

This is being addressed via special section of the Knife Rights Foundation Web site. Board member Ethan Becker is currently completing a draft of a Guide to Knife Safety and a Children's Guide to Knife Safety (working titles). After review of the pamphlet by leading members of the knife community and editing, the pamphlet will be published on the site and will also be offered free of charge to knife manufacturers, distributors and retailers who wish to print it and make it available to the public. This is planned for completion in 2011.

2. Educating knife owners, public officials and the general public about the history of knives and edged tools;

A contract author is currently completing a draft of a Journalist's Guide to Knives (working title) that will cover history, laws and dictionary of knife terms. After review of the pamphlet by leading members of the knife community and editing, the pamphlet will be published on the web site. Additionally, articles on the history of knives and knife laws are being solicited for publication on the site. This is planned for completion in 2011-12.

Plans are in the works to fund scholarly legal research into history of knife law to result in peer-reviewed papers to support civil rights litigation and to serve as a basis for lay articles to serve educational purposes. Completion is subject to fundraising.

3. Educating knife owners, public officials and the general public about knife and edged tool related laws and regulations

We are currently raising funds to pay for a technical writer and an attorney to compile an extensive and thorough database of national, state and local knife laws and regulations. Once compiled, this will be kept up to date. The database will be accessible via the web site and will include a user friendly search capability. There is currently no such single source available anywhere. Completion is subject to fundraising.

4. Defense of knife owners and their civil rights through litigation

Currently the Foundation is embarking on litigation related to what we believe is an illegitimate attempt to outlaw perfectly legal pocketknives in New York City. This effort includes defense of citizens whose civil rights have been violated by arrest for possession of such knives as well as preparation civil rights litigation in Federal Court. Funds raised are being used to pay attorney fees and related expenses. This is an ongoing effort that could take several years.

**Knife Rights Foundation, Inc.
Conflict of Interest Policy**

**Article I
Purpose**

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (Organization) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might 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 organizations.

**Article II
Definitions**

1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

**Article III
Procedures**

1. 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 and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the 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 governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Article IV Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of 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 governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V Compensation

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.

b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII
Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

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Part VIII 4a

Email Solicitations: we send out newsletters and other Knife Rights Foundation related emails and include a solicitation to make a contribution in these emails

Personal Solicitations: We often attend group events, gatherings, conferences, conventions and meetings where we meet individuals and in such situation may personally solicit contributions. A leader of Knife Rights Foundation may speak at an event which will include a solicitation to make a contribution.

Foundation Grant Solicitations: We may solicit contributions from like-minded organizations such as the Second Amendment Foundation or National Rifle Association Civil Rights Defense Fund.

Accept Donations on Your Website: We provide links on our website for visitors to make contributions.

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Knife Rights Foundation, Inc. and Knife Rights, Inc., (a 501(c)(4) exempt organization), have a close connection. They share a website, Douglas Ritter is chairman of both boards, and Ethan Becker, Peter Brownell and Tom Gresham are common board members.