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Parents, players, team officials, and friends of the CMHA,

I would like to inform you of some important and exciting developments at the Cumberland Minor Hockey Association (CMHA).

After considerable analysis and planning, the CMHA has decided to withdraw from the GHA and form its own league effective next season. More specifically, our teams will no longer play as part of the Gloucester Hockey Association in the 2009/10 hockey season. We will now play against Cumberland teams, in Cumberland arenas.

We have begun the administrative processes required to move forward such as CMHA and District XII Board approvals and will be seeking approval from the ODMHA in the coming weeks. We have notified the GHA executive of our plans and indicated that we took our decision with mixed feelings. Our relationship with the GHA has been a long and successful partnership and our decision to go in a different direction is not as a result of dissatisfaction with the GHA. In fact, we hope we can continue to be good friends and meet each other in tournaments and exhibition games in the future. Our decision is based on the recognition that the CMHA is large enough to forge its own direction.

We believe that there are many benefits to running our own league including the ability to better manage our ice and create a more focused approach to player development.

I am sure that you have many questions and certainly our new direction is not without risk but we are committed to ensuring the CMHA's continued success.

Join us at our upcoming Annual General Meeting where we will share more details and can answer your questions.

When: Tuesday May 5th

Where: Sir Wilfred Laurier High School Cafeteria.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Are You Ready For The New Cumberland Minor Hockey League?

Dan Guérin
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