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AMALGAMATION UPDATE

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Voting date: Sunday 7 March 2010 from 2-8pm at Fenelon Arena
(Early vote: Tuesday 9 February 2010 from 7-8pm at Fenelon Arena)

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Answers to Questions from Amalgamation Info Night

- a. **Question:** When will amalgamation take affect if approved?
Answer: September 2010

As you know the Regional OMHA representative was unable to attend our Amalgamation Information Night. Since that time we have had direct contact with the OMHA President and have set a timetable that will allow us to form a new amalgamated hockey association in time for the 2010-11 hockey season. If the amalgamation vote passes in both centres, we will be immediately seeking the input of our combined membership in selecting a new name and logo.

- b. **Question:** What will be the boundaries of the new association and how will I be affected?
Answer: Please read the information below and contact me if you still have questions or concerns (soldridge@i-zoom.net).

We are recommending that the intersection of County Road 8 and Patterson Road become the centre-point for our new amalgamated association. The new boundaries will largely be determined based on distances to the centre-points of our adjacent centres. While our precise boundaries will need to be approved by the OMHA, using computer mapping software, we expect that only 4 Fenelon and 2 Bobcaygeon families will be affected by the new boundaries. These families must then choose whether to remain in the new association (OMHA's "Right of Choice" or "Grandfathering" policies) or transfer membership to their nearest hockey centre.

c. **Question:** How will FFDMHA's savings be affected by amalgamation?

Answer: Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon will contribute a proportionate amount of money per player to start up the new amalgamated association. So if Fenelon has 60% of the players, Fenelon will contribute 60% of the startup costs. The remainder of our savings will be used "to benefit minor hockey in the Fenelon Falls area/district".

New information on FFDMHA's Corporate structure and implications for Amalgamation with Bobcaygeon

Since the Amalgamation Information Night, the Executive has learned that FFDMHA's status as a **non-profit corporation** requires that certain legal criteria be satisfied in order for amalgamation to proceed without delay. As a result, we have sought the advice of a local lawyer who has helped our Executive to fulfill the obligations required by corporate law for us to move ahead with amalgamation if the vote passes. Meeting these legal obligations will allow us to proceed with our September 2010 target and avoid unnecessary legal delays and costs.

The main issue at hand is that we (FFDMHA) are a non-profit corporation while Bobcaygeon (BMHA) has only association status. To proceed with amalgamation, we will need to change the "letters patent" of our FFDMHA Corporation to include the membership and area served by the Bobcaygeon Minor Hockey Association. Basically this means that if the amalgamation vote passes in both centres, FFDMHA will absorb BMHA into its

membership before another meeting is held to approve a new name and constitution. In so doing, FFDMHA's non-profit corporation will effectively double its territory and increase its membership by roughly 70%.

These changes to the FFDMHA Corporation are outlined below in the "Special Resolution of the Executive" and **must be approved by 2/3 of ballots cast** by the FFDMHA membership to pass.

The BMHA Executive has also approved the necessary agreements subject to the voting of their membership.

Notice of "Special Resolution of the Executive"

On 31 January 2010, the FFDMHA Executive met to approve a "Special Resolution of the Executive". A copy of this resolution is available on our website (www.fenelonfallsminorhockey.com) and is posted in the display case at the Fenelon arena.

There are 5 points to this resolution:

1. FFDMHA will expand its mandate to include offering organized minor hockey to the area currently served by BMHA.
2. FFDMHA will absorb the members of BMHA into its nonprofit corporation.
3. The new combined membership must meet within 60 days of the amalgamation vote to approve a new name and constitution.
4. Each organization will contribute startup funds in proportion to the number of players and that excess FFDMHA funds will be used "to benefit hockey in the Fenelon Falls area/district."
5. The amalgamation must also be approved by the membership of BMHA and the Executive of the OMHA.

Official Notice of the Amalgamation Vote

The vote by the membership of FFDMHA on the "Special Resolution of the Executive" will be held on the 7th of March 2010 from 2pm to 8pm (early vote 9th of February 2010 from 7-8pm) at the Fenelon Arena.