

## President's Report

Welcome to our 15<sup>th</sup> season at Chedoke. We are looking forward to another great year and hope to build on all the positive initiatives from last season.

I would like to say thanks to Chris Simpson for his years of volunteering to our league. Without his dedication, I know I would not have stayed as part of the executive for so long. We will miss his knowledge and hard work.

The executive wish to welcome Pat Chambers (Sr. VP) and Mario Castellani (Jr. VP). Both have put in many years here at Chedoke at the coaching level, and have stepped forward to help give the executive some additional experience.

**New Award:** Just after our season ended, Ken McGinley passed away. For those who were lucky enough to know Ken, or to have your children play for him, his passing will be felt by all. The executive talked it over with Teresa McGinley and feel it would be best to remember Ken by honouring a team and coach each season that best exemplify what he brought to the league. Fun and Fair Play to all players.

The success of our **Power Skating** classes last year will be carried over with both Moni Johnson (Novice & Atom) and Sandy Velenosi (PW & Bantam) returning for another season. Because of the rise in ice costs this season, we will have a small increase in the cost of the programs but it will still be at a huge savings to each participant.

**Picture Days** will be November 28, 29 and December 6.

**Jacket Day** (*NEW THIS SEASON*) will be the same dates as Picture days. *No Teams will be allowed to purchase team wear from any other supplier.*

Our **Toy Drive** was a huge success last year even though it was done on short notice. The generosity of so many of our membership was overwhelming and was much appreciated throughout our community and by the Fire Fighters Local 288.

**FUNDRAISING:** **Oak Gables** Golf Course and their V.I.P. membership cards did not generate as much interest as I was hoping, but again, it may have been because of lack of advance notice. Stephen Ross has given us a great opportunity to generate revenue that will help us keep your registration cost increases to a minimum. Please think about taking advantage of the potential savings on both your hockey and golf costs for next year.

Over the next few years, it would appear the City of Hamilton is looking to reduce the subsidies to minor sports. This may result in larger increases to registration fees in the not to distant future. Fundraising will become a much larger part of all minor sports in our city. Now is the time to start planning for the future.

On behalf of the executive, please have a fun and enjoyable season.

Yours,  
Ross Firmin  
President CMHL