

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September 2007

Hello All Members,

The good news is that we received a \$12,800.00 grant from the Ontario Communities in Action Fund. Chris Bentley, MPP, announced the grant officially in a ceremony at the Canoe Club, ably supported by our other London MPP's, Deb Matthews and Khalil Ramal. The event was attended by some Directors, the Day Camp, and our Sprint coach, and was well covered in the media. I hope you saw it, and were as thrilled as we were.

The application was encouraged and supported by Chris Bentley, and the grant will be used for those purposes specified in the application. The Board will meet early in September to oversee its disbursement.

We have also received a very welcome \$200.00 donation from Kellogg's.

We are moving forward with dock repairs, and the plans to rebuild our memberships for the coming year. Remember that we are only as strong as our members, so please get involved.

Our Day Camp has worked well, and our Sprint team has been very successful in their competitions. We wish them well at the Provincials and the Nationals. Off-site canoeing and dragon boating is continuing. So we have been active as much as possible this year.

I want to say "Thank You" to all who joined this year, kept the faith, and stood strong with our Club. I am very proud of how we have persevered during this very low time in the Club's history. Next year, we will come back bigger and better!!!

The latest unofficial word is that the dam will be completed in October. We expect the Club to open in mid- to late June for the 2008 season.

Keep checking our website as we move forward.

Addie Gushue

President