



**Cadillac Area Hockey Association
Special Board Meeting
2/19/25**

Call to Order 6:01pm

Roll Call - Present: Chris, Todd, Heather, Alicia, Katy, Jodi, Steve, Matt, Will

Public, Members and Coaches Comments - none

Proposal for Expenditure of Funds for Growth and Development

The board reviewed Derek's email regarding the proposed funding for spring skating sessions aimed at Cadillac Area Hockey Association player development.

Derek Cross has been coordinating with Mitch Parson to offer extra skating classes in April for player development. Mitch is available on Thursdays (April 3, 10, 17, and 24) for three hours per night, with a total cost of \$4,500 (\$2,700 for ice time and \$1,800 for coaching). If 45 skaters participate at \$25 each, the parent contribution would be \$1,125, leaving CAHA to cover \$3,375. With upcoming HNIC tournaments, additional funds will be added to the budget before April. Derek seeks board approval to finalize plans and open registration, He also requests coaches to assist if groups become too large.

This proposal was met with some resistance from those who believe that local coaches are already capable of developing our players and that additional outside coaching may not be necessary. However, there were also discussions about how bringing in someone from outside the organization could generate more excitement and provide a fresh perspective for the players. The conversation went back and forth, weighing the benefits and concerns, until a motion was ultimately made.

Motion 1: Matt S. motioned for CAHA to allocate \$2,000 to run spring skating sessions to use locally with Coach Graham for growth and development of CAHA players. Todd F. seconded the motion. **Vote:** 2 in favor, 5 opposed. Motion failed.

Motion 2: Steve motioned to form a subcommittee (Treasurer, Coaches Rep, Derek Cross and Jack Klunder) to develop a formal plan for growth and development, to be presented at a special board meeting scheduled at a later date. Will seconded the motion. **Vote:** Unanimous approval.

Amendment: The motion was amended to include Steve, Derek, Todd, and Jack as members of the subcommittee.

Adjourn: Motion Matt S, 2nd Jodi, All in favor, 6:48pm