

2.5.2025 | 7:30 PM | Microsoft Teams

## North Dakota Softball All Stars Board Meeting

### Attendees

Tim How	Mike Skogen	Cory Erickson	Maddy Sweep
Mike Oehlke	Alysha How	Brooklyn Morris	Makenna Alexander
Allison Martinson	Emma Passa		

### Key Topics:

- **Introduction:** Tim How, President of the North Dakota Softball All Stars, led the meeting to set the foundation for 2025, discuss board member changes, and address upcoming events like the mid-season madness and All Star games. Participants included Cory, Brooklyn, Mike Skogen, Mike Oehlke, Alysha, Maddy, Makenna, Allison, and Emma.
- **Board Member Resignations:** Tim announced that Tammy and Andi resigned from their board positions at the end of the year. He expressed gratitude for their contributions over the past nine years and welcomed new board members.
- **Administrative Updates:** Tim provided updates on administrative tasks, including filing the annual state fee, tax filing, renewing the website hosting, and PO Box. He mentioned that the budget for review is almost ready and will be sent out to the group.
- **Tournament Update:** Tim discussed the upcoming tournament scheduled for May 9th and 10th in North Fargo. He mentioned the new bracket format based on feedback from last year's survey, aiming to provide more competitive games. The goal is to have 44 teams, and Cory's JV team may participate if needed.
- **Volunteer Coordination:** Tim highlighted the challenges faced in finding volunteers for the tournament last year. He proposed reaching out to the Green and Gold Collective to provide volunteers in exchange for a donation, which was supported by Mike Skogen.
- **All Star Series Planning:** Tim outlined the plans for the All Star series, with games scheduled at UND's new field and the South Hill complex in Minot. He discussed potential locations for pre-game activities and the importance of securing volunteers for announcing and scoreboard duties.
- **Sponsorship and Jerseys:** Tim confirmed that Scheels is back as the presenting sponsor for the All Star series. He discussed the need to find a new jersey provider and mentioned Boomba as a potential option. The selection process for players was also reviewed.
- **Broadcasting the Games:** Tim shared that the Your Live Event team would like to broadcast both games but requested coverage for hotel rooms in Minot. The group supported this idea, and Tim will explore potential sponsorships to cover the costs.

### Action Items:

#### Administrative Updates:

- Finish the tax filing within the next week. (Tim)

- Send out the budget for review to the group. (Tim)

#### **Tournament Update:**

- Send the tournament bracket schedule to the group for review and feedback. (Tim)
- Follow up with Red River Commodities regarding the \$1500 sponsorship for the tournament. (Maddy)

#### **Volunteer Coordination:**

- Outline the volunteer requirements and reach out to the Green and Gold Collective for support. (Tim)

#### **All Star Series Planning:**

- Look into options for pre-game activities and potential tour of UND's facilities. (Brooklyn, McKenna) 14
- Secure volunteers for announcing and scoreboard duties for the All Star series games. (Team)

#### **Sponsorship and Jerseys:**

- Mock up a jersey design on Boomba and compare pricing with 3X Gear. (Tim)

#### **Broadcasting the Games:**

- Explore potential sponsorships to cover hotel costs for the Your Live Event team in Minot. (Tim)

#### **Hotel Arrangements:**

- Arrange room blocks for participants in Minot and Grand Forks. (Tim unless any of the girls from the GF area/Minot area want to help)