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BRENT MCDUGALL, AMBASSADOR OF LACROSSE IN ARTHUR, PASSES AWAY

TORONTO, ON – September 17th, 2021 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) is saddened to receive news of the passing of Arthur Aces Minor Lacrosse Association President Brent McDougall. Following in the footsteps of his parents Ron and Linda, who were also lacrosse enthusiasts and members of the Arthur Executive, Brent was a dedicated lacrosse volunteer for the Aces as a coach, executive member and, since 2014, president of the club.

As a player, during his four-year Ontario Junior “B” career with the Guelph Regals, McDougall tallied 117 goals and 104 assists through 93 games. Known by his teammates as a dependable two-way player, he also logged 136 penalty minutes. Following his playing career, he turned his attention to volunteering as a way to give back to the game in his hometown of Arthur, ON. His reason for becoming involved was simple: to ensure that smaller clubs were not overshadowed or underrepresented. Throughout his administrative career, he remained an advocate for the “little guy,” ensuring that everyone had a place to play in the Ontario Lacrosse community.

While serving as president, he maintained close involvement to the action by pulling double-duty as the coach of the minor box teams of his sons’ Aiden and Evan, as well as serving as the assistant coach alongside his daughter MacKenzie for her girls’ box lacrosse team. But his coaching career was not limited to family ties; over the years, Brent stood on the bench for a number of U13, U15 and U17 teams and hundreds of Aces’ players in an effort to avoid any teams having to fold due to a lack of available bench personnel. He was part of a number of Aces’ teams in recent memory to capture provincial championship banners at the Ontario Lacrosse Festival. Throughout the province, he was well-respected by players, parents and officials for his tireless efforts to promote the sport.

“You couldn’t pass through the ranks in Zone 8 without encountering Brent and being affected by his positive spirit and engaging smile,” said Ontario Junior “C” Commissioner and long-time friend Reg Holinshead, also a resident of Arthur. “He was the type of person that every lacrosse executive wishes they had in their association. The rink was like his second home because he loved lacrosse, and would do anything to make sure that kids had a place to play. ”

Arrangements have been published at this [link](#). Prior to the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Board of Directors meeting on October 4th, a moment of silence will be observed in Brent’s memory.