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Aaron Loughhead (1991-2015)

It is with deep regret that we have learned of the untimely passing of Aaron Loughhead on December 22, 2015 in the Comox Valley on Vancouver Island. Aaron Loughhead was a dear friend, a dedicated teammate and a devoted volunteer for the New Westminster Minor Hockey Association (NWMHA) – like his father before him who served for many years on the NWMHA Executive.

Aaron was an enthusiastic hockey player for New Westminster Minor Hockey, playing with a level of passion and commitment that inspired others to do the same. Aaron played a mix of "C" and "A" level hockey for the NWMHA, even playing up an age group one year so that he could play with his sister, Cecilia. Captain for many of the teams on which he played, Aaron was an excellent player, teammate, leader and friend, both on and off the ice. Aaron also played competitive spring hockey and went on to play some Junior B as well.

Aaron was an assistant coach of the Midget A1 team from last year – a team that, in no small part due to Aaron's expertise and guidance, won the 2014 Herb House tournament, the 2015 Flight 2 Championship, the 2015 Final Four Championship and the 2015 BC Provincial Championships.

As Sam Stevens, Captain of the 2014-2015 Midget A1 team, so eloquently stated: "Aaron was a great man and I am honoured that I got to spend our couple of hockey years together. What has happened is tragic and has shaken the boys up from last year. We all wish the best for his friends and family. I will never forget the memories we made with the man, the coach, and, foremost, the friend that is Aaron Loughhead."

Rest in peace, Aaron. You'll be missed.

Robert Nasato President NWMHA