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INTERCOLLEGIATE MEN'S LACROSSE COACHES ASSOCIATION MOURNS LOSS OF LONG TIME SPECIAL COUNSEL, BOB RUSSELL

The IMLCA is extremely saddened to announce the passing of long time advisor, colleague, and friend, Bob Russell.

Bob Russell was an instrumental figure in the formation of the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association. Having served as Special Counsel to the Board of Directors from its inception, Bob implemented a structure that allowed our founding coaches to carry out their vision. He remained active in this role and spearheaded the association's Coaches Relief Fund.

The dedication and enthusiasm he showed through his time and service within the sport, and specifically towards the association's mission "coaches helping coaches", goes unmatched. Richie Meade said, "Bob took the time to form relationships with coaches on every level in all parts of the country. His tireless efforts and passion for helping the members of the lacrosse community has had a positive impact on each and every coach, former and current. His work will continue to do so for future coaches in the many years to come. From day one, Bob has been there volunteering to help us carry our vision of the association to fruition. I am devastated that he is no longer with us."

Russell's service to the sport spans from growing the game on a local level in his home state of Connecticut to coaching internationally for the Scotland National Team. As a Connecticut Lacrosse Hall of Fame Member, Special Counsel to the IMLCA, Executive Committee Member of US Lacrosse, and many other roles with other lacrosse organizations, Bob's contribution to our sport is indelible and his wise counsel and leadership will be greatly missed.

IMLCA President, Coach Bill Tierney, said "Bob meant so much to the game of lacrosse. His leadership, friendship, and direct approach allowed the IMLCA to form, grow, and thrive. Bob always worked his best behind the scenes and never accepted any credit. When called upon however, his strong voice for the good of lacrosse was always heard. The IMLCA will greatly miss him."

Off the field, Russell dedicated his time as a member of several charity boards including but not limited to Wounded Warrior Project Lacrosse and the Brendan Looney Foundation.

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