

# EFL Roadrunners - Football & Cheer

**Meeting Leader:** Brian Powell, President

**Secretary:** Tiffanie Moody

**Date:** 12/14/2022

**Time:** 18:00

**Location:** Scout Hall - East Windsor

## Attendance:

Brian Powell	Marque Mercure	Roe Holmes
Eric Akstin	Missi Lee	Karen Skoglund
Katie Kessel	Jeremy Powell	Michelle Von Nostrand
Tiffanie Moody	Ashley Ladr	Brian Moody
Deb Szkirka	Ryan Herget	Melissa Dumond
Sara Varkas	Jarrett Hunter	Jim Gottier
Sarah Akstin	Matt Marcil (Late 6:15)	

## Not in Attendance:

## Meeting Called to Order - Brian Powell - 18:05

### Guest Speaker

- Coach Takus
  - Support for Coach Hunter
  - He was disgusted to received a call prior to the meeting from a former board member stating not to show up as a guest speaker or to throw his support behind coach Hunter
  - Hunter is the JV coach, Asst. Offensive Coordinator
  - Practices run well
  - Connection with Youth and High School is huge, makes transition smoother
  - Very essential to keep Roadrunners playing in Ellington, to continue the growth of the Knights football program

### Questions:

- Have the Knights seen and increase in players since he returned to Ellington?

The returning players rate has increased from apx 20% to about 34-35%

### Candidate Intentions Non Current Board Members:

- *Player/Parent Rep - Adam Palotti*
  - 2 kids in the program - C and D Football in 2022 season
  - D Football Asst. Coach
  - Great at conflict resolution
- *Volunteer Coordinator - Cassie Laliberte*
  - Been part of the board since 2019
  - A/C Head & Asst Cheer Coach
  - Secretary but had to step down for health reasons
  - Knows faces to get families to volunteer
  - Wants to get the high school kids involved

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- **Registration Coordinator - Mike Webb**
    - Asst. Football Coach 2 years
    - Loves Coaching and wants to be continue on the board
    - Would like to be registration coordinator and asst. coach
    - It's all about the kids
    - BA in Business Management
    - Been and manager in previous job
  - **Football Coordinator - Kevin Laliberte**
    - Football Coordinator first part of 2022 season, had to step down for health reasons
    - Work schedule changed to make attending meeting easier
    - It's all about the kids
    - Question: What would be his plan for play time issue we had in 2022 season?
      - Lost 8 minutes a game, currently we have 8 plays per game
      - Would like to see it knocked down to 6 player per game
      - Fair Play Time
      - Would also like to see different safety parameters
  - **Gameday Coordinator - Derik Dumond**
    - New to the league this year
    - Impressed with the program
    - Helped breakdown after games this season
    - Question: Would you be able to announce at games?
      - No problem filling in when needed.
  - **A Football Head Coach - Mark Chan**
    - Part of the program for 7 yrs
    - Asst Football coach for 6 yrs
    - 2022 B team offensive coordinator
    - Give back to the Kids
    - Positive environment for the players
    - Player Development
    - Question: Would you take on the B coach that didn't win as Asst.
      - Would consider anyone
    - Question: Have you already started building staff?
      - Yes in talks with some assistants
    - Question: Would you continue the functions with the High School as the A head football coach?
      - Yes, as the whole league would

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## Candidate Intentions Current Board Members:

### ◦ *B Football Head Coach - Jarrett Hunter and Roe Holmes*

Jarrett Hunter

- Been with the program for 5 years
- Has coached at all levels, youth and High School
- Offers support for these athletes on and off the field
- Skills and Drills in the spring for youth and high school athletes
- Created the Adopt a Roadrunner program with the high school
- Continues to Bridge the gap with having former youth players asst from the high school team
- Winning should always be a goal, but winning doesn't always look the same...it looks like mastering skills, smiles, coach/player relationships, and watching them grow

Question: What age groups have you coached?

- Coached D-A and High School

Question: Will you adjust your coaching style for the B age group?

- Yes, Following practice plans, made changes during 2022 which helped, we will still have scrimmages

Roe Holmes

- Has coached with the Roadrunners for 2 years
- Does Asst. Coach in Rockville Coach because becoming a high school coach has always been the goal, would never let the two team cross into each other
- Believes in building the youth up
- He decided to put in for B coach after thinking about it long and hard, he wanted to stay with the kids he started with on C team
- Roe and Jarrett spoke before either of them put their names in for B
- Roe has decided to remove his name from the running, due to all the drama that occurred in the last week he didn't want to tear the program apart.
- Still going to be around for all the kids he built relationships with
- Is going to send an email out this the B families
- He couldn't coach A, not the right person to bridge the gap to the high school

Question: Brian Moody asked him to asst on D team?

- He'd think about it

### ◦ *D Football Head Coach - Brian Moody*

- Has some challenges this season but learned alot
- Already has 2 possibly 3 assistants
- Been with the program for 7 yrs
- Asst Coached D, C, & A

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- Like to teach the kids to overcome adversity
- Football players have to stand as one to move the ball and have gains on the field
- ***C Football Head Coach - Ryan Herget***
  - Was a D Asst for 2 years
  - Had experiences with bad coaches as a kid, this drives him to do better
  - looking to have the kids be successful
- ***A Cheer Head Coach and Cheer Coordinator - Sarah Akstin***
  - Really enjoys working with the kids
  - Has a very extensive Dance Background
  - Coaching Cheer for 6+ years
  - Enjoys all the details and organization needed to be the cheer coordinator
- ***B Cheer Head Coach - Marque Mercure***
  - Been coaching for 4 years
  - looking forward to the challenge of a different age group
  - Passionate about Cheer
- ***C Cheer Head Coach - Ashley Ladr***
  - D Asst and Head Coach
  - Cheered Youth, Middle, High and College
  - Cheer is a huge passion
  - Daughter is moving up
- ***Equipment Manager - Jim Gottier***
  - Will keep it running as he has been
- ***Fundraiser Coordinator - Missi Lee***
  - Excited to return with big ideas
  - Will not use Flower Power again
- ***Webmaster - Melissa Dumond***
  - Has enjoyed every minute of being on the board
  - Likes to give back
  - Also like to show her kids that she's involved
  - wants to bring social media and website to the next level
- ***Treasurer - Tiffanie Moody***
  - Been on the board for 7 yrs in many roles
  - Good with Money
  - Degree in Accounting and Business Admin

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- Looking to follow Katie's lead, plan to continue with Money Minder
  - **Secretary - Michelle VanNostrand**
    - Enjoyed being on the board
    - Computer savvy
    - Organized and a Multi Taker
    - Strives to get the minutes out timely
  - **Vice President - Eric Akstin**
    - Still has more to give
    - Thinks having a board consist of new and seasoned members is best
  - **President - Matt Marcil**
    - Been part of the program for 5 yrs
    - Asst football coach for all 5
    - Gameday coordinator for 2 of those years
    - He had 3.5 mil in sales at his job this year
    - Manages 13 people
    - Keeps inventory
- Questions:
- Will you keep the commitments on gear etc. that was made by 22 board?  
Yes, 100%
  - What tasks are you planning to take on?  
No big changes but always room for improvement
  - Are you planning on changing leagues next year?  
No, the league needs stability
  - Are you planning to address the quality of refs we had during the 22 season?  
Yes, will keep the fight going with the League