

The Knoxville Track Club Board of Directors met Monday, March 23, 2026 at Casual Pint, Northshore. The meeting was called to order by board chair Zane Hagy at: 6:01 PM.

Members present were: Brandon Collier, Karla Gander, Hannah Foust-Eng, Zane Hagy, David Hinkle, Adam Kolatorowicz, Melissa Kanipe, Kunle Lawson, Don Madgett, Samanta Pulido, and Jennifer Moore.

Staff members Eric Weatherbee, Jessica Mead, Michael DeLisle and Jason Altman attended as guests, as well as KTC member Jessica Stiles.

The minutes from the February board meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Melissa and a second from Brandon.

The consent agenda based on reports submitted from staff was accepted unanimously after a motion by Karla and a second by Melissa. Highlights included:

Executive Director's Report:

- The purchase of Knoxville Youth Athletics has been finalized, this will add four new staff members.
- The club saw positive results from the partnership with Pistol Ultra and we look forward to continuing next year.
- The road race committee is working on new race ideas for 2027.
- The Beer Series has begun on Sunday afternoons. Proceeds benefit HALT (Humans and Animals Learning Together). The next in the series will be held at Crafty Bastard Emory Place.
- CHKM is imminent. Eric encouraged the board to engage with leadership and provide fresh perspective on the events of the weekend.
- Upcoming events: marathon weekend, Vol Track Classic
- All races through Expo of this year show an average of 40% increase in participation

Event Manager's Report:

- Beer Run continues
- CHKM is offering a new VIP experience. There are 40 spots available for this year's trial run.
- The Hal Canfield Memorial Mile races will be incorporated into the Vol Track Classic. Registration is open.
- The Dogwood Classic 5K will not be sponsored by Hard Knox pizza this year due to new management. Tomato plants will still be available as AG awards.

Trail Committee Report:

- Michael reported a great turnout at Big Ridge State Park on 2/22 for the Dark Hollow Wallow.
- The Trail that Can't Be Concord introduced a new race director Nate Helton who did a great job. The Concord distances were changed to 10K and 20K rather than the previous Whitestone distances.
- Hann Jivin' in the Dark will be run May 9, a 6-mile night race.
- The quarterly trail committee meeting was held Mar 5, 2026 .

Marathon Director:

- Registrations to date are 5,369 compared to 4,645 at this point in 2025.
- Jason shared a rundown of confirmed sponsors.
- CHKM will be an RRCA state championship race for the marathon distance in 2026.
- Kara Goucher's schedule will include meet and greet, shakeout run intro, and expo speech.
- Finisher item update: medals have been delayed due to shipping issues. Swag will be delivered directly to the World's Fair Exhibition Hall during race week.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Party will be held April 22.
- The MAC will meet for a post-race debrief on April 29.

Treasurer: Angel submitted the financial performance report for February noting that the accounts showed overall positive for the month.

Old Business: None.

New Business included:

- The purchase of KYA is complete. Press coverage and community response has been overwhelmingly positive.
- KYA coach Brent Smith attended the meeting to introduce himself to the board and express thanks and optimism for the future of the club with this new acquisition.
- KYA events are not posted on the KTC website yet.
- Zane briefed the board on the status of RunKnox which has experienced some delays due to illness. There is currently not a contract in place but the board will be updated when that detail is finalized. Staff is still looking for a female coach.
- MAC co-chair Jennifer Moore briefed the board on a guide the MAC and board will use to record impressions related to the marathon experience. The goal is to tap into runner and volunteer experience of those most familiar with the race. The qualitative data will augment post-race survey data.
- Zane and Karla will not be available to meet in April. The board agreed to use that month as a committee working month and resume in May. Due to Memorial Day, the board will be polled in order to determine a date to reschedule the meeting for May.

- Zane recognized guest Jessica Stiles and expressed appreciation for her interest in the board and her frequent volunteering.

Round Table

- **Karla** reminded the board that Grand Prix points are only added once a runner has volunteered for a race. Points can be added retroactively.
- **Melissa** noted that KTC could have had a stronger presence at The Pistol Ultra races and used the opportunity to recruit new members.
- **C. John** asked how close the club is to needing new staff. Eric said that the next logical addition would be a development person.
- **Samanta** agreed with Melissa's point about the Pistol and offered to support membership recruitment efforts.
- **Michael** reported a great race at Concord and praised the new race director Nate Helton on his first outing as RD.
- **Adam** echoed Michael's praise for Nate Helton and suggested a shout-out in *Footnotes*.
- **Don** mentioned two track meets that have utilized KTC timers.
- **Eric** emphasized the importance of adding youth to the club through KYA. New interns will be hired this summer to assist with advance work on marquee races Finish on the Field and Turkey Trot.
- **Jessica** mentioned the beer runs and encouraged participation.
- **Altman** mentioned slow medal shipping and final preparations in the last three weeks prior to CHKM. A press conference will be held Wednesday at 10 AM. There are a few key volunteer roles to be filled.

Zane stated that an executive committee meeting would not be necessary. We have positive momentum but even more to accomplish. He encouraged the board to communicate concerns saying that everything is read and heard, taken into account.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 6:54 PM. Motion carried.

