

SLOBs General Meeting Minutes

(To Be Approved at November 9th General Meeting)

Saturday, September 21st, 2024 @ 2:30pm

New Canaan High School - Cafeteria

I. Co-Presidents – Teddy Goetz & Brooks Wunderlich

- Welcome Back & Thank you for Coming
- Welcome to New Members - “If you have any questions, please reach out to us or another board member”
- Honoring Elliot Kropf
 - Moment of Silence
 - Special Speaker: NCHS Assistant Principal, Mr. Sullivan
 - SLOBs is a great organization, happy to see so many 9th graders. SLOBs really is a brotherhood and by volunteering for the organization you will have an impact on people’s lives and improve the community.

II. Secretary & Parliamentarian: Henry Ravanese & Ryan Leahy (Ryan acts on behalf of Henry Ravanese due to Henry’s absence for this meeting)

- Motion to Approve April 2024 General Meeting Minutes
 - Request a returning member make a motion to approve minutes
 - All approved
- Robert’s Rules of Order & Brief Overview of Parliamentarian Role
 - Ryan explains that the Parliamentarian makes sure that we follow the SLOBs By-Laws and use Robert’s Rules of Order to make meetings run more smoothly and efficiently.
 - Also, the Parliamentarian will request student and parent applications for next year’s SLOBs Board and will slate the Board based on the decisions of the selection committee
 - Anyone that would like to talk about the SLOBs Board or that has any questions about the various positions can talk to Ryan, Matthew Riley or Ryan Stannard.
- Student & Parent SLOBs Board Overview

III. Membership: VP Zach Santiago & AVP James Dunkin

- Registration Overview - 233 Members broken down pretty evenly with about 50 members in each class.
- Student & Parent Accounts - everyone must register separately for membership in SLOBs and make sure when signing-up to volunteer, you select the right person because students and parents have to have their own account.
 - Text Reminder Opt-Ins
- Membership Requirements
 - Students
 - 10 Volunteer Hours (up to 2 hours can be donations)
 - 5 General Meetings (1 absence allowed. More than one absence requires 2 extra service hours).
 - Parents
 - 5 Volunteer Hours (up to 2 can be donations)
 - 5 General Meetings (Parents should attend 3 of the 5 meetings, preferably all of them)

IV. Treasurer: Rohan Shenoy

- Budget Overview - Make sure registration is complete and dues are paid so we can keep the budget balanced.
 - Membership Fees - Dues go to offset our costs
 - Main Costs for 2024-2025- T-Shirts and Technology, such as our web platform, are the main SLOBs expenses.
 - Budget balance as of Year's End - Estimated total Revenue is \$7,500 and we are currently at about \$7,100.

V. Philanthropy: VP Matthew Riley, Co-AVP Ayush Dave & Co-AVP Ryan Stannard

- 50+ Philanthropies Served
- Student/Parent Philanthropy Liaisons
- Upcoming Liaison Training October 23rd, 7pm, NCHS Media Room
- Today's General Meeting Donations: New Canaan Food Pantry and Domestic Violence Crisis Center Costume Donation
- 262 Philanthropy Hours Completed Since June 1st 2024
- Upcoming Events as Explained by Student Liaisons
 - Student Liaisons that spoke of upcoming events included:

- Lucas Breed, Midnight Run - 10/1 clothing drive - donations can be dropped off at 201 Canoe Hill Road
- Bradford Benton, New Canaan Community Foundation - 10/25 Fall Family Fun night at Waveny Park
- Nolan McLaughlin, Young Women's League Fall Fair-10/19 shifts available
- Harry Cullen, Silver Hill Hospital- 10/26 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Out of the Darkness Fairfield County Walk in Westport.
- Cullen Cronk, Food Rescue - always shifts available in and around New Canaan, check sign-ups
- Graham Butler, Rotary Club - 9/28 Rotary Club of New Canaan annual Lobster Fest, shifts available.
- Adrian Delicata, Project Pink NC Breast Cancer Awareness - 9/29 Light Post decorating in town
- Blake Schwartz, Schoolhouse Apartments - check sign-ups to donate birthday gifts and Sunshine gifts to be given to those going through an illness or hardship
- William Morawa, New Canaan Food Pantry - donation drive at meeting today and parents can sign-up for shifts at NCFP
- Mason Wheeler, New Canaan Chamber Music - 10/15 donor appreciation concert parking assistance needed
- Henry Stein, Family and Childrens' Agency - 10/26 spanish speakers needed for coat distribution at school in Norwalk
- Connor Furman, Sports Buddies - every Saturday there are sign-ups
- Tully Coogan, Waveny Care Center- leaf blowing shifts in November
- Henry Reagan, DVCC - Costume drive today
- Drew Harmon, Inspirica - Harvest for Hope food donation campaign - bring food donations to 11/9 General meeting
- Jason Generalis, New Canaan Public School - East School Fall Fair sign-ups available
- Apurv Shahy, Red Cross - 2 Blood Drives this fall

VI. Public Relations: Co-VP Grayson Ladsley & Co-VP Brandan Ma

- All Members are Encouraged to take Event Photos & Follow us on Instagram
 - Photos can be DM'ed to Grayson or Brandon at our Instagram account NCHS.SLOBS; OR

- Text Photos to Trish Ladley 203.722.5806 or Frank Ma at 203.820.7430

IX. Communications: Co-VP Ben Kim & Co-VP Johann Wrede

- Weekly Blast
 - Sent on Sunday Mornings
 - Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities Highlighted
- Special emails sent to club as needed

VII. Technology: VP Pranav Sant and AVP Henry Chandra

- Website Overview and address : <https://www.newcanaanslobs.org>
- Technology Support

X. Public Relations: VP Grayson Ladley & VP Brandon Ma

- Follow SLOBs on Instagram
- Remember to wear SLOBs T-Shirts to ALL Volunteer Events. As weather gets colder, try to put t-shirt over sweatshirt
- All Members – Take Event Photos at ALL SLOBs events and then send them to our Instagram NCHS.SLOBs. Or you can text them to us or our parents: Frank Ma 203-820-7430 and Trish Ladley 203-722-5806

XI. VP Meetings: Stuart Hellman

- General Meeting Schedule going forward is: Saturday, November 9th; Saturday January 25th; Saturday March 15th; and Saturday April 26th all at 2:30 pm here in the NCHS Cafeteria
- Speaker Introduced: Tim Wyant, Executive Director, Squash Education Alliance “SEA”
 - Like the SLOBs members, Tim was always interested in giving back, tutored when he was young
 - Played squash and was recruited to Harvard
 - Graduated and played professional squash in Europe
 - Returned after 2 years and started City Squash with \$110k budget
 - Fordham donated an old Squash Court/family donated a station wagon and they brought inner-city kids to Fordham to learn to play squash- had many calls with interest for a national club to exist.
 - Started the non-profit SEA and there now are 21 organizations nationwide
 - 2,500 students participate in SEA program that meets 3x a week for academic help and squash

- Find an organization you are passionate about and get involved - you can do great things.

XII. Co-Presidents: Teddy Goetz & Brooks Wunderlich

- Thank you to our speaker Tim Wyant
- Thank you all for being a part of SLOBs and for coming today

Meeting Adjourned at 3:35