

DRAFT SLOBs January 25th General Meeting Minutes

To Be Approved at the March 15th 2025 General Meeting

Saturday, January 25th, 2025 @ 2:30pm

New Canaan High School - Cafeteria

I. Co-Presidents: Teddy Goetz & Brooks Wunderlich

- Welcome everyone
- Ice breakers done and House Rules reviewed
- Board Members Questions: *Anyone interested in a SLOBs' Board Position for next year is encouraged to come up after the General Meeting to discuss the position and any questions you may have with the current Board Member holding that position.*
- Speakers Today. *Today we have:*
 - John Winters from the New Canaan Land Trust. *John is here to discuss what the NCLT does and how SLOBs members can get involved with the organization.*
 - General John Teichert. *General Teichert will speak to his experiences in the Air Force and how leadership develops from lessons learned in organizations like SLOBs.*

II. Secretary: Henry Ravanese

- Approval of November 9th 2024 General Meeting Minutes. *Secretary asks if anyone has any changes to the Draft November 9th General Meeting Minutes as posted to the SLOBs' website.*
 - No changes proposed
 - Minutes approved

III. Parliamentarian: Ryan Leahy

- Board application timeline explained.
 - Dec 15 - Jan 31: Online application open for board position
 - April 20: New board will be announced
 - April 27: Online application to be philanthropy liaison opens
- Application process reviewed. *In order to be eligible for a SLOBs' Board Position Students:*
 - must have served as a Philanthropy Liaison at some point;

- must apply with a parent who is willing to serve in the same position on the SLOBs' Parent Board; and
- must be a member in good standing (dues paid and ½ of your required service hours served by the Jan 31 application deadline)

IV. Membership: VP Zach Santiago & AVP James Dunkin

- Membership signup is closed
- Membership Requirements Reviewed.
 - Student Requirements: 10 Volunteer Hours* & 5 General Meetings.
 - Parent Requirements: 5 Volunteer Hours* & 5 General Meetings.
 - *Up to 2 hours may be donations.

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

- January 25th General Meeting Donations. *Today we have a canned soup collection for Person to Person and household products collection for School House Apartments.*
- Volunteer Hours Improvement. We have donated 2219 hours from June 1st until today (last year during the same period we donated 2155 hours) – Well done! Let's keep up the great service and momentum!
- IMPORTANT NOTE- Do not cancel sign-ups last minute. Remember to communicate and get coverage.
- Take pictures at all events and make sure to share with the corresponding liaisons or Public Relations.
- Liaisons for Upcoming SLOBs events discussed and described their events and how and where to sign-up.

VI. Treasurer: Rohan Shenoy

- Budget Overview - Make sure your SLOBs' Registration is complete and dues are paid so we can keep the budget balanced.
 - Revenue is way higher at 8,820 and expenses are staying low at 4,702
 - Budget is better than we expected but our expenses will continue to rise as we pay for services like our website and other tools.

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

- Liaisons send pictures in to SLOBs' Instagram: NCHS.SLOBS or text us or our Parents Frank Ma: (203) 820-7430 or Trish Ladley (203) 722-5806
- Follow Us on Instagram

- Wear T-Shirts to all events
- Parents please remember to take more photos
- Winners of the 20th Anniversary SLOBs Trucker hats are:
 - Class of 2025: Andrew Moore
 - Class of 2026: Ayush Dave
 - Class of 2027: Connor Furman
 - Class of 2028 Tyler Suh

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

- Weekly Blast
 - Sent on Sunday Mornings
 - Highlights Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
- Photo Requests
 - Please help upload photos onto the SLOBs' website by using the photo submission tab
 - Also Liaisons, Volunteers and Parents, can text pictures to: (203) 722-5806

IX. Technology: VP Pranav Sant and AVP Henry Chandra

- Website Overview and address : <https://www.newcanaanslobs.org>
- Technology Support
- Any questions please ask them

X. Meetings: Stewart Helman

- Attendance has been good, keep up the good work
- Introduced speakers and gave a brief explanation for each of them
 - **1st Guest Speaker - John Winter of the New Canaan Land Trust ("NCLT")**
 - Explained what NCLT does and how it helps our community
 - NCLT Protects wildlife and natural land
 - NCLT Maintains open land, helps sustain wildlife habitats, and oversees miles of recreational trails enjoyed by many
 - Discussed NCLT and SLOBs relationship over the years
 - SLOBs has worked closely with NCLT helping to protect and restore over 65 properties in New Canaan
 - Many SLOBs become NCLT summer interns- program and timeline reviewed.
 - Thanked SLOBs for all their help and explained how great it is to work with SLOBs

- **2nd Guest Speaker - John Teichert.** Explained his work in the Air Force and experience flying F-22 aircraft.
 - Artificial limits $\frac{1}{4}$ for speed and $\frac{1}{3}$ for maneuvering
 - Flew the world's most capable aircrafts but due to self imposed artificial limits couldn't even catch up to others worse and slower
 - Connects this story back to SLOBS, if you have the wrong perspective you can easily limit yourself
 - if you don't care or have concern, you are close to useless as a leader
 - Right way to make a impact as a leader is to support people “below you” instead of making them serve you
 - Real mission as a leader is not just here and now, it's also sustainability
 - Great leaders wonder if their character is strong enough to lead others
 - Coaching tree
 - It's not just about them winning a national championship
 - Can they produce other great leaders and coaches?
 - We all carry with us a bit of what our leaders have done for us
 - If you develop leaders, down the road, they will do great things
 - Great leaders create a plan for continuing advantage
 - Thanked SLOBS and opened for questions
 - Ran for senate to make a bigger impact on the country
 - Former governor decided to run so he pulled out to support him
 - Gave him a opportunity to connect with people
 - Personal goal to maximize impact on people to help improve the country
 - Website at Johnteichert.com to ask any more questions
 - To open up doors for future, be the type of human that others want to work around, be excellent, add value, and be a team player
 - It's close to impossible to accomplish real things alone, things you do alone go away, things you do as a team last
 - 2 things deterrents hinges upon
 - Strength and capability to stop them
 - Will to use your strength
 - Combat pilot in the F15 E
 - Flew over Iraq in contact missions

- Armed washington DC missions after 9/11
- Flying AI aircrafts

XI. Co-Presidents: Teddy Goetz & Brooks Wunderlich

- Thank you to our speakers
- Thank you all for being a part of SLOBs and for coming today

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45