

## Mountain View-Los Altos Service League of Boys - MVLA SLOBs

### General Meeting Notes

Minutes	November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	4:00 pm to 5pm	Los Altos Community Center
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Meeting called by	Presidents – Tyler Crissman
Note taker	JV Mehta
Timekeeper	JV Mehta
Attendees	Board Members / Boys Board members / General Members Total # of Attendees = 225 (approx.)
Absent	N/A

### Agenda & Discussion

1. **PRESIDENT’S WELCOME** – Meeting brought to order by Tyler Crissman at 4:05pm
2. **SPEAKER** – Gary Hedden of GreenTown Los Altos spoke in great detail about the work that the philanthropy has done. After retiring from his job as a chemical engineer (he was one of the people to help develop the drug Aleve), Gary found meaning in working with GTLA on many of its green initiatives. For one of its initiatives, it hopes to plant 500 trees around Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. It has roughly 200 trees left to reach that goal. GTLA gets its drought-friendly native trees from a nursery in Monterey, and volunteers go through the required steps to make the tree planting project a success. The planting process is labor-intensive but needs to be done properly, and the key to the success of the tree growing well is water, with each tree requiring around 5 gallons of water per week. These trees are planted at local community schools, parks, and also at homes.

GTLA also promotes the use of bikes as an eco-friendly transportation method. On the first Friday of the month of December, GTLA offers free pedi-cab rides in downtown Los Altos. GTLA also offers free bike valet services at the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce and in other locations across town at various events. Gary also leads GTLA’s summer solstice and winter solstice bikes. Another fun event that GTLA leads is the bike ride to Palo Alto in December – to Christmas Tree Lane.

GTLA also collaborates with Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE). Through this partnership, GTLA promotes switching to electricity and promotes Energy Day. Electric cars, changing over from traditional light bulbs to LEDs and electric cooking (including induction cooking) are a big part of this endeavor. Each year there are several rebates and tax credits offered to the community to switch from, gas to electricity. Through a program called PowerFlex, GTLA/SVCE has donated 25 electric chargers to households in need.

Other projects supported by GTLA include Creek Cleanup projects, Zero Waste and Eating Green. GTLA also partners with Los Altos History Museum through the Wallace Stegner – A Path to Conservation project.

MVLA SLOBs members are encouraged to volunteer with GTLA.

3. **APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ON 09-11-2022** – Secretary, JV Mehta, made a motion to pass meeting minutes for the prior general meeting. President, Tyler Crissman, followed the required process and meeting minutes for the general meeting were approved.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Several Board Member provided updates related to their roles.

A few key updates and reminders included:

- **Website Update** – The MVLA SLOBs website now has a Members-Only section that can be accessed using the password “mvlaserives”. Here, members are able to gain access to the MVLA SLOBs Member Directory, Board Directory, SLOBOpps, and other important forms and documents.
- **Philanthropy Update** – Upcoming Grade-level Event for Grades 11 & 12 on January 29 from 2:30 to 3:30.

On October 16, MVLA SLOBs Members recorded 115 hours volunteering and packing 400 boxes of groceries for those in need in our community.

Upcoming volunteering opportunities are listed on the SLOBOpps calendar. Some highlights include:

11/18/2022 – Annual Cops & Gobblers Event – 3:00pm to 6:00pm @ Safeway on Miramonte Ave. Mountain View.

11/19/2022 – Canopy Tree Planting – 9:00am to 12:00pm

Carson Tsai, Philanthropy Liaison for Los Altos History Museum, spoke about the organization and discussed some upcoming volunteering opportunities.

Will Hartley, Parliamentarian and Philanthropy Liaison for Canine Companions for Independence, spoke about his experience volunteering with Canine Companions and shared a wonderful presentation about the organization and how MVLA SLOBs members can help. He also shared how SLOBs members have already contributed in the past by hosting socialization events for puppies, Halloween Spooktacular events to get puppies accustomed to Halloween costumes, and putting together tug toys and straps. Tug toys and straps are especially useful for people with disabilities as they can use these to have their furry companions help pulling laundry baskets, opening doors, etc.

Zeke Su, VP of Website and Philanthropy Liaison for Sleeping Bags for the Homeless Silicon Valley (SB4THSV), spoke about the work our members have done for the organization. MVLA SLOBs members have donated 212 bottles of water, 2 tents, 4 sleeping bags, 9 blankets/towels, 23 rolls of paper towels, 82 rolls of toilet paper, 3040 boxes of wipes, and 172 batteries.

Tyler Crissman, SLOBs President and Philanthropy Liaison for Silicon Valley Bike Exchange (SVBE) updated the membership on our first ever community-wide event where MVLA SLOBs collected 48 bikes. Of these, at least one bike is expected to be sold for \$1000. The funds raised through this will be used to purchase parts to repair 20 bikes. MVLA SLOBs members recorded 26 service hours by working two shifts of 13 hours each.

Pranav Butaney, Co-VP Philanthropy and Philanthropy Liaison for There with Care, led a drive to collect supplies for families and children facing critical illnesses. Thanks to all the MVLA SLOBs members that contributed.

- **Hours Update** – MVLA SLOBs Members have logged in a total of 782 hours thus far this year. The top 3 philanthropies supported by members this year are:

Fight the Hate (Stand4)                      154.5 hours

Loaves and Fishes                              94.5 hours

LAUMC Compassion Week                      93.5 hours

Members are reminded to log hours using Track-It-Forward (T-I-F).

- **Publicity Update** – MVLA SLOBs Members are reminded to submit photos and write-ups of their volunteering experiences to Aaron Huang, VP Publicity.

- **Communications Update** – MVLA SLOBs members are reminded to ensure that they are receiving our emails via MailChimp and to add us to everyone's safe sender's lists so emails won't go to junk mail.
5. **CLOSING BY PRESIDENT** – Tyler adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm and invited the members to grab a snack. New members were reminded to pick up their MVLA SLOBs t-shirts.
- Grade 9 and 10 Boys were invited to attend their grade-level events in the Apricot Room.

## Executive Board Members

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