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 SEAWAY VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.

4672 O’Keefe Road

St. Andrews West, Ontario, K0C 2A0

Minutes of the General Meeting held at 7:00PM, April 24, 2019

St. John Ambulance HQ

Unit 2, 1001 Sydney St.

Cornwall, Ontario.

**Present**

 **Members attended this meeting: 21 members and 1 Guest : Ed Halliwell President (VE3EAH), Doug Pearson Vice President (VE3HTR), Elizabeth Halliwell Treasurer (VE3EZH), Hal Green (VE3HWG), Andre Richer (VA3RDI), Chris Lauzon Fill in Secretary (VA3CRR), Murray McDonnell (VE3XLJ), Tom Todd (VA3KD), Leonard Boileau (VE3OLB), Larry Giguere (VA3RSQ), Don Brownlee (VA3NC), Stan Fortune (VA3JSF), Hermanna Noorthoek (VE3UNV) ,ART Horovitch (VE3AIH), Dave Bernard (VE3JLV), Gilbert Boudreault (VE3CFS), Mel Massia (VE3OJN), Steve Harvey (VE3EZB), Susan Horovitch (VE3EXN), Patricia Rowan (VA3PUR), Brad Landreth (VA3OOZ), Keith Poore Guest Speaker (VA3BG)**

**Opening**

**The meeting slightly deviated from standard operating procedure with Keith Poore doing a demo and discussion of his FT8Call setup, followed by brief Q&A session. Thank you Keith.**

**SVARC President Ed Halliwell called meeting to order at 7:50 pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves.**

**Old Business**

**Review and approval of the minutes from our previous Meeting of March 27, 2019. The Minutes were read by Chris in Dean’s absence. Motion to approve by Gilbert and seconded by Don, carried.**

**Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

**Elizabeth reported we have $993.68 in the repeater fund and $968.10 in the general fund, for a grand total of $1,961.78. The Iroquois Flea Market brought in $118. Motion to approve by Andre and seconded by Steve.**

**Monday Night Net:**

**Tom reported for the Month of March, we had 43 check in’s on VE3SVC, 50 on VE3PGC, Total 93.**

**Newsletter Report :**

**Steve has nothing to report.**

**Technical Report:**

**Bell mobility contacted Doug about an interference issue on Cornwall Polices radio system. An inspection was conducted on our equipment. It doesn’t seem to be originating from us. The APRS/D-Star repeater was temporarily disabled for the Month of April as a precautionary measure. Our equipment will need to be moved at some point to for repairs to the buildings elevators system to be performed. Ed also mentioned that we will be losing out two primary contacts at CCH.**

**ARES Report:**

**Earle was absent.**

**Doug will be attending Cornwall’s Emergency Management meeting Friday, April 26. There will be a debrief for the Canoe Race at Jacks pub on Thursday April 25 at 6:30PM.**

**Website update:**

**Doug’s repeater list will no longer be emailed out. It will only be available on the website. There is a link called “Area Repeater List” at the top of the website. There is a search function within it as well.**

**Year End Reports: nothing to report**

**50/50 Draw : Was won by Larry Gigure for a total of $13.00. who kindly gave it back to the repeater fund. The remaining $13.00 will go to the general fund. Thank you, Larry.**

**New Business**

1. **The Bike-a-thon is May 25. Ed will be distributing position assignment lists when available.**
2. **Field day is canceled for this year. Ed is busy with prior commitments. No one else can commit to organizing the event.**

**Presentation:**

**Mentioned above.**

**Upcoming Events**

* **35th Annual Smiths Falls Fleamarket Saturday May 11th**
* **Children’s Treatment Centre Bike a Thon Saturday May 25th**
* **VE2DX has been granted authorization to use the special call sign VX2A11 for a Special Event Station Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11. The station will be on the air at various times from 20 July to 19 Aug 2019.**
* **Ottawa (Carp) 23rd Annual Hamfest Saturday September 7th**

**Meeting Adjourned:**

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**Next meeting: Please note NEW START TIME meeting will start at 7:00 pm to 9:00pm refreshments to be served from 6:30pm to 7:00 pm**

**May 29/19**

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**Minutes recorded by Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR)**