



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Hybrid Monthly General Meeting

April 27, 2022



Venue: St-John Ambulance, 100 second Street W., Cornwall
 Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual, via Zoom
 Date: April 27, 2022
 Time: 19:00 EDT
 Present: 14 Regular and 2 Associate Members

Present:	Virtual:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earle DePass, President (VE3IMP) 2. Chris Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR) 3. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV) 4. Doug Pearson, Technical Director (VE3HTR) 5. Earnest Vinson (Associate Member), 6. Hal Green (VE3HWG) 7. Dan Cullen (VE2JMF) 8. Joe Scott, Vice-President (VE3ADB) 9. Jamie Monroy (Associate Member), 10. Rick Palmer (VE3EV) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH) 12. MacDonnell, Murray (VE1LJ formerly VE3XLJ) 13. John Grow (VE2EQL), Partial attendance 14. Art Horowitz (VE3AIH), Partial attendance

Call to order:

Meeting called to order by the President, Earle (VE3IMP) at 7:00 pm.

Round Table:

Earle (VE3IMP) asked all present to introduce themselves.

1- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

Earle (VE3IMP) asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the March 31, 2022, meeting. Nothing was raised.

Motion to approve minutes: Joe Scott (VE3ADB)

Seconded: Rick Palmer (VA3EV)

The minutes were approved unanimously.

2- Treasurer’s Report

Chris, Treasurer (VA3CRR) reported:

General Fund:	\$1523.10
Repeater Fund:	\$1259.04
Total:	\$2782,14
Shares:	\$50.00
Accessible funds:	\$2732.14

A cheque of \$22.60 was issued to renew our domain name.

3- Secretary’s Report:

As of March 31, 2022, the SVARC has 33 Members in good standing.

4- Net Managers Report:

Net meets and 1900 local time on Mondays, year-round.

This month based on a suggestion by Roger (VA3GBV) and followed up by Earle (VE3IMP) and Joe (VE3ADB), it was decided to incorporate two more repeaters into the mix to be checked; VE3VSW and VE3SVC on 220 MHz.

The numbers of check-in for March was;

VE3SVC	Echolink	VE3PGC	DMR ch.2	VE3VSW	SVC-220	Total
25	3	23	20	12	5	88

We are recording the call signs of those checking in for the purpose of determining the best Club attendance at year end.

The Net Managers report was submitted by VE3ADB, Joe Scott.

5- Technical Directors Report:

As a result of a recent incident where the VE3PGC repeater stayed on the air transmitting at full power and to avoid having to access both repeater sites repeatedly for a reset, Internet Protocol (I.P.)-controlled power bars have been purchased with the intent of installing them in the Bonville and Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH) sites. This so that power resets can be performed remotely.

Doug (VE3HTR) is planning the installation of a new repeater, VE3TEL, at the South Glengarry landfill site north of Williamstown. We are also in touch with Bell technicians to ensure that there will be no interference to either communication systems.

It was mentioned that this initiative was first undertaken by Murray, then VE3XLJ. This was first planned for North Glengarry for better coverage of the northeastern part of Ontario. However, agreement from the North Glengarry fire department could not be obtained.

Finally, thanks to Dave Robertson, chief of the South Glengarry F.D., approval is in the works to allow for the sharing of the existing 100’ tower and communication system installed at the landfill, north of Williamstown.

Earle (VE3IMP) will seek approval of the South Glengarry council.

The actual repeater will be donated by and is on hand at the home of Rick (VA3EV). The duplexer will be donated by Doug VE3HTR

6- Adoption of Bylaws:

As per the current Bylaws, amendments to the bylaws need to be approved by 50% plus one of the members in good standing.

The membership, as of April 27, 2022, there are 33 members in good standing. Therefore, adoption of bylaws requires 18 favorable votes.

The secretary has collected 8 proxies – as listed below - in favor of adopting the version 4 of the Bylaws. The actual proxies are available for verification upon request.

1. VE3AIH
2. VE3EXN
3. VA3JSF
4. VE3CFS
5. VA3PUR
6. VE3AFV
7. VE3EZB
8. VE2EQL

The minimum number required to adopt the minutes was confirmed with with 8 members present, 2 members present virtually and 8 proxies for a total of 18 members. All are members licenced and in good standing.

Motion to adopt the version 4 of the Bylaws dated February 26, 2022: Roger (VA3GBV)

Seconded: Doug (VE3HTR)

Motion adopted unanimously.

7- General planning for the future:

A planning calendar for 2022 is being attached in Annex I.

8- General Discussion:

- a. Raisin River Canoe Race Debriefing The debrief meeting was held on April 21st 2022 at Jack's Pub in Williamstown.

See Debrief meeting notes from Earle (VE3IMP) in Annex II.

- b. Field Day 2022: Date firmed-up for June 25-26, 2022, at the Lost Villages site in Long Sault.

Joe (VE3ADB) accepted the responsibility of spearheading the event and will call a first planning meeting in May via Zoom.

Earle (VE3IMP) and Earnest Vinson will each have a RV on site for Saturday night.

- c. Club Jackets: The club jackets have arrived, the total cost per jacket is \$144.82. Joe (VE3ADB) paid Rayco the full amount. The jackets were paid for at the meeting.

The jackets look amazing Earle took a group picture:

Joe also discussed the possibility of a summer or 3-season jackets.

If another club member wishes a jacket, please contact Joe (VE3ADB).and he will collate another order.



- d. Membership Cards: Earle has prepared the 2022 membership cards including RAC numbers. These cards will be issued electronically.

9- New Business:

- a. Ed (VE3EAH) presented statistics of the Club website visits over the last year.
- b. Earnest gave a debrief of the RAC HAM radio course he has just attended. The course was delivered by Al Penney (VO1NO). There were 170 students enrolled in the course. The sessions were recorded and are available on YouTube for the registered participants to view and review. The course is highly recommended. Some mentoring sessions will start shortly..

10- Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held in a hybrid mode, Wednesday May 25, 2022 at the St John Ambulance, 100 Second St. W., Cornwall, ON K6J 1G5.

The guest speaker will be Phil McBride (VA3QR) President of RAC

11- Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 20:37 EDT

Minutes submitted by Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV), Secretary,
April 27, 2022

SVARC 2022 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: May 26, 2022

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
1.	February 12, 2022	Sat.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt (2022-2)	Up To The Fox	N/A	Art
2.	February 23, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	Virtual via Zoom	John Grow	Earle
3.	March 12, 2022	Sat.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt (2022-3)	Up To The Fox	N/A	Art
4.	March 31, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
5.	April 02, 2022	Sat.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt (2022-4)	Up To The Fox	N/A	??
6.	April 27, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
7.	May 14, 2022	Sat.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt (2022-5)	Up To The Fox	N/A	??
8.	May 25, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
9.	June 25-27, 2022	Sat/Sun	All day	Field Day 2022	Lost Villages, Long Sault	N/A	??
10.	June 29, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
	July 2022	N/A	N/A	No General Meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A
11.	July 09, 2022	Sat.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt	Up To The Fox	N/A	??
12.	July 23, 2022	Sat.	13:00-19:00	SVARC Club BBQ	To be confirmed	N/A	Earle
	August 2022	N/A	N/A	No General Meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A
13.	August 13, 2022	Sat.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt (2022-6)	Up To The Fox	N/A	??
14.	September 10, 2022	Sat.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt (2022-7)	Up To The Fox	N/A	??
15.	September 28, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
16.	October 08, 2022	Sat.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt (2022-8)	Up To The Fox	N/A	??
17.	October 26, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
18.	November 12, 2022	Sat.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt (2022-9)	Up To The Fox	N/A	??
19.	November 23, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
20.	December 06, 2022	Sat.	17:00-21:00	SVARC Christmas Party	To be confirmed	TBD	Earle
21.	December 10, 2022	Sat.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt (2022-10)	Up To The Fox	N/A	??

Notes:

- Monday evening weekly Nets take place each Monday, at 19:00L starting on the VE3SVC repeater,
- Coffee Klatches usually take place on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of each month, starting at 08:30L, at *The Village Diner*, 120 Tollgate Road,
- Club meetings take place on the last Wednesday, of each month starting at 19:00L, at *St. John Ambulance HQ*, 100-2nd Street West, Cornwall,
- Fox Hunts usually take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month, starting at 13:00L. Due to Field Day 2022 preparations, there will not be a Fox Hunt in June.

Annex II

Canoe Race 2022 – Debrief, April 21, 2022 at Jack’s Pub, Williamstown

Comments from The Amateur Radio Emergency Services (SD&G ARES) Organization

10 Radio Amateurs (HAMs) provided communications from 12 vantage points during the race. They were; VA3CRR (Chris Lauzon), VA3EV (Rick Palmer), VA3GVB (Roger Bélanger), VE2JMF (Dan Cullen), VE3ADB (Joe Scott), VE3EXN (Suzan Horovitch), VE3HTR (Doug Pearson), VE3HWG (Hal Green), VE3IMP (Earle DePass) and VE3RSQ (Larry Giguere). Of those 10 HAMs, 2 were temporarily installed in the 2 Mobile First Aid Posts (MoFAPs).

The HAMs were in positions from 10:00 until the last canoe finished at 16:45. Earle DePass was at the start at 06:00AM as he performed double duty with the Knights of Columbus breakfast at the church in St. Andrews. There were no incidents requiring emergency communications.

St. John Ambulance staff indicated that HAMs were the only way they learned of where the canoes were. As such they were very happy with our services.

Concerns and Recommendations for Next Year;

Concerns	Recommendations
1. There was not good communications with the OPP. We didn’t learn of their existence until the morning of the race.	Provide earlier existence of the OPPs involvement.
2. We didn’t have anyone to put into the OPP vehicle(s).	ARES to get additional HAM volunteers.
3. Some HAMs needed warmer clothes	Advise and insist that all wear warmer clothes.
4. <i>St. John Ambulance</i> staff was not informed about the closing of the dam as this was sent by a text on the morning of the race.	Suggest a consistent email message (as opposed to a text) be distributed.

Comments from The Church In St. Andrews West:

The Knights of Columbus served 266 breakfasts (perhaps a record) at a cost of \$12/person. They were delighted with the turnout.

Concerns and Recommendations for Next Year;

Concerns	Recommendations
1. The race causes congestion for those going to church.	Change date of event to Saturday (from the priest in St. Andrews).
2. There was no banner placed on the church hall this year.	The RRCA is welcome to erect the usual banner.

Report prepared by Earle DePass, Emergency Coordinator - SD&G ARES, (613) 363 8884

2022 Raisin River Canoe Race

