



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Virtual Monthly General Meeting

October 26, 2022



Venue: Hybrid meeting held at the St John Ambulance venue and via Zoom
 Date: October 26, 2022
 Time: 19:00 EDT
 Present: 13 Members and 2 guests

<p>Present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earle DePass, President (VE3IMP) 2. Joe Scott, Vice-President (VE3ADB) 3. Chris Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR) 4. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV) 5. Doug Pearson, Technical Director (VE3HTR) 6. Steve Harvey (VE3EZB) 7. Dave Cullen (VE2JMF) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH) 9. John Grow (VE2EQL) 10. Jim Richarson (VE3AFV) 11. John Grow (VE2EQL) 12. Derek Soares, Guest, SJCCC 13. Terry Larocque, Guest 14. Joe Tondreau (VA3JHT) ZOOM 15. Pat Rowan (VA3PUR) via zoom
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Call to order:

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

1- Round table

Earle invited all to introduce themselves.

2- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

Earle (VE3IMP) asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the September 28, 2022, meeting.

No further questions

Motion to approve minutes: Joe Scott (VEADB)

Seconded: Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH)

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3- Treasurer's Report

Chris, Treasurer (VA3CRR) reported no change since last month. The bank balances were:

General Fund:	\$1341.67
Repeater Fund:	\$1406.55
Total:	\$2748.22
Shares:	\$50.00
Accessible funds:	\$2698.22

\$30 came in for the 50/50, Murray took his winnings of \$15, this was sent via EMT.

We had a bill for VA3FHA's battery of \$203.39 Which was sent to Roger B. via EMT.

We have two 2023 renewals who are RAC members and one renewal of a non RAC member.

The report was submitted by Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR)

Treasurer's report proposed by Steve Harvey (VE3EZB)

Seconded by Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH)

Adopted unanimously

4- Secretary's Report:

As of September 28, 2022, the SVARC has 34 Members in good standing including 30 voting members.

Secretary's report proposed by Joe Scott (VE3ADB)

Seconded by Steve Harvey (VE3EZB)

Adopted unanimously.

5- Net Managers Report for October 2022:

Month	VE3SVC	Echolink	VE3PGC	DMR CH2	VE3VSW	VE3FHA	Total Check-ins
Oct	22	2	23	17	2	19	85

Submitted by Joe Scott VE3ADB

Motion to approve the report: Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)

Seconded: Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR)

Adopted unanimously.

6- Technical Directors Report:

VA3FHA is now on the air!

Repeater down-link: 147.030 MHz

Repeater up-link: 146.430 MHz

CTCSS tone: 110.9 Hz

The repeater is a Yaesu DR-2X dual mode analog FM and C4FM digital.

Emergency power, installed in October, in the form of a deep cycle 12v battery, power supply and charge controller

VE3SVC repeater issue:

This repeater is experiencing some noise appearing in the form of a long tail squelch lasting 1 to 3 seconds. This occurred intermittently at the beginning of the Net on October 24.

The change of the CTCSS tone did not seem to have cured the problem.

The approved tone frequency by the Repeater coordination board is 110.9 Hz. Presently and for a limited time we are using a different tone, making this repeater a private repeater until we can resolve the issue.

The VE3SVC Yeasu DR2X will be swapped will a similar repeater used by VE3SDG to see if the repeater is causing the problem.

Motion to approve technical report: by Joe Scott (VE3ADB)

Seconded by Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)

Adopted.

7- General planning for the future:

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

- a. A Fox Hunt, planned for Sunday November 6, was added.
- b. 2022 Christmas party has been moved to Wednesday, December 7, still at Quinn's Inn.
- c. Net Manager, Joe VE3ADB is looking for more net controllers. Please contact Joe if you are interested.

- d. Coffee Klatches have been moved to 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at Spinner's, 118 Pitt Street.

8- New Business:

- a. Recruiting Plan

Roger, VA3GBV, presented a recruiting plan with the objective to increase our membership base and improve our revenues.

See presentation in Annex II.

Motion to approve the plan by Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)

Seconded by Joe Scott (VE3ADB)

Adopted.

- b. Club Renewal and Insurance Filing with RAC

All forms were filled and will be forwarded to RAC before the end of the month.

- c. Updated emergency management program presented to Cornwall council.

SVARC used to interface with Brad Nutley of the Cornwall Emergency Management Program. Since he left, it was radio silence from this program. Earle will attempt to reopen the Communication Channel with this management group.

- d. Finances

Since our bank account is a two-signature account., we will not be able to issue EMT payment in the future.

9- Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held in a hybrid mode on Wednesday November 30, 2022, at St. John Ambulance, 100 Second St. W., Cornwall, ON K6J 1G5.

The Guest Speaker will be Keith Baker, VA3KSF ON Amateur Satellite Communications (TBC)

10- 50/50 Draw

The 50/50 draw was picked by our guest Derek Soares of the St-Joseph Continuous Care Center. The 50/50 draw amounted to \$40.

The winner was Roger (VA3GBV)

\$20 was retained by the General Fund and \$20 was donated to the Repeater Fund

11- Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 21:04 EDT.

12- Next Meeting: November 30, 2022, 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV), Secretary,
October 31, 2022

Annex I

SVARC 2022 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: December 2, 2022

Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
October 26, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
November 6, 2022	Sun	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt	VA3GBV to mind the Fox		
November 30, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	Annual General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	Keith Baker, VA3KSF	Earle
December 07, 2022	Wed.	17:00-21:00	SVARC Christmas Party	Quinn's Inn		Earle

Notes:

1. Monday evening weekly Nets take place each Monday, at 19:00L starting on the VE3SVC repeater,
2. Coffee Klatches will now take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, starting at 08:30L, at *Spinner's*, 118 Pitt St, Cornwall, ON K6J 3P4,
3. 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.

Annex II

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SVARC RECRUITING PLAN

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AMATEUR OPERATORS IN CORNWALL AND SURROUNDINGS

- In Cornwall there are **56 licensed operators**, not counting those who are already members of the SVARC or have multiple call signs
- In K0C XXX (a radius of 40 kilometres around Cornwall) there are **106 licensed operators**, not counting those who are already members or double counting those with multiple call signs.
- So there are potentially **162 HAMs who could be members of the SVARC**,
- **Yet our membership is only 34 or 15%**

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AMATEUR OPERATORS IN CORNWALL AND SURROUNDINGS

- How many of those HAMs are still active?
- How many of those are Silent Keys (SKs)?
- The simple answer is we do not know, nor does RAC, nor does ISED,
- Even if only half are active, this is still a **potential of at least 60 operators** that we could tap into.

4 WHY RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS?



Have a larger base of members to support club activities for:

Net Controllers,
Field Day Operators,
Support of Communications,
ACS and EmComm activities.



Increased revenues to maintain our infrastructures

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HOW TO CONTACT THESE POTENTIAL MEMBERS

- We do have access to **ISED** data base with list of licenced operators with callsigns and civic addresses,
- We could make a mass mail, sending a postcard to these 162 operators with an offer to join the club,
- If only 10 out of 162 joined, that would be a success.,
- More, would be icing on the cake!

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You are invited to join the:
Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club
Come and join us to practice your favorite hobby and enjoy the company of fellow hams.
See more details in the back

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**Join the SVARC
and
Get more from Amateur Radio**

- Share your experience
- Get help from fellow members
- Get involved in Auxiliary Communications
- Support to events
- Mostly, have fun with us

To Join, visit our WEB site at:
www.svarc.ca
or email us at :
ve3vsw@rac.ca
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VE3XXX Name Surname

Address line 1
Address Line 2
City, ON, Postal Code

8 HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

item No.	Description	Qty	Price	HST	Total
1	Postcards	175	\$90,00	\$11,70	\$101,70
2	Stamps	160	\$147,20	\$19,14	\$166,34
3	Mailing labels	350	\$19,19	\$2,49	\$21,68

Total	\$289,72
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ANY
QUESTIONS,
COMMENTS,
IDEAS ?

