



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General Meeting

March 29, 2023



Venue: St John Ambulance venue
Date: March 29, 2023
Time: 19:00 EDT
Present: 13 Members and 2 guests

<p>Present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe Scott, Vice-President (VE3ADB) 2. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV) 3. Doug Pearson, Technical Director (VE3HTR)) 4. Dave Cullen (VE2JMF) 5. John Grow (VE2EQL) 6. Jamie Montroy 7. Jason Forget (VA3XDZ) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Earnest Vinson (VA3EWV) 9. Hunter Racine (VA3HWF) 10. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH) 11. Elizabeth Halliwell (VE3EZH) 12. Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR) 13. Hal Green (VE3HWG) 14. Hendrick Locke, Guest 15. Russel Davies, Guest
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Call to order:

Meeting called to order by the Vice-President, Joe (VE3ADB) at 7:00 pm.

1- Round table

Joe welcomed all members and guests

Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

Joe (VE3ADB) asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the February 22, 2023, meeting. These minutes had been circulated on March 22, 2023, along with the agenda for the March 29, 2023, General Meeting.

Chris (VA3CRR) pointed that the minutes made no mention of the 50/50 draw, who was the winner and what was done with the proceeds.

The minutes will be amended accordingly.

No further questions.

Motion to approve minutes (to be amended): Jason(VA3XDZ)
Seconded: Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)

The minutes were approved.

2- Treasurer's Report

22-Feb-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813223 Memo EARNEST VINSON	\$5.00	50\50
22-Feb-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814982 Memo JASON RACINE	\$5.00	50\50
22-Feb-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812198 Memo TERRY LAROCQUE	\$5.00	50\50
22-Feb-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814399 Memo E EARLE DEPASS	\$30.00	Renewal for Murray, RAC
22-Feb-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814410 Memo E EARLE DEPASS	\$5.00	50\50
24-Feb-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813634 Memo Gilbert Boudreault	\$30.00	Renewal, RAC
24-Feb-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814673 Memo Gilbert Boudreault	\$10.00	Repeater Donation
25-Feb-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813627 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$40.00	Renewal, Non RAC
25-Feb-2023	PC Banking Email Money Transfer Credit Memo ROGER BELANGER	\$95.00	2x Renewal, RAC "\$60", 50\50 "\$35"
18-Mar-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814548 Memo E EARLE DEPASS	\$40.00	New membership Hunter R, Non RAC

Balance as of March 28, 2023

<u>General</u>	<u>Repeater</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Accessible</u>
\$945.65	\$2385.30	\$3330.95	-\$50	\$3280.95
+\$27.50	+\$27.50			
+\$30	+\$10			
+\$30				
+\$40				
+\$60				
+\$40				
\$1173.15	\$2422.80	\$3595.95	-\$50	\$3545.95

The report was submitted by Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR).

Adoption of report proposed by Chris (VA3CRR),
 Seconded by Hunter (VA3HWF)
 Adopted.

3- Secretary's Report:

As of March 29, 2023, the SVARC has 36 Members in good standing including 32 voting members.

Total Number of RAC Members	23
Total Number of paid Members	36
Number of voting Members	32

This is up 5 members from last month's report.

Suzan (VE3 EXN) moved to New Brunswick and was reimbursed her membership.

Five 2022 members renewed at or after February Meeting:

1 new member joined the club: Jason Forget (VA3XDZ)

In comparison, 2022 membership was 39 members by year-end. Since then:

- 2 members moved away
- 1 member passed away
- 3 2022 members have not renewed yet
- 3 new members were recruited.

Secretary's report proposed by Jason (VA3XDZ)
Seconded by Doug (VE3HTR),
Adopted.

4- Net Managers Report March 2023:

Net meets and 1900 local time on Mondays Year-round

VE3SVC	VE3PGC	VE3VSW	VA3FHA	VE3SDG	VE3220	DMR2	ECHO	TOTAL
62	46	26	33	2	8	26	9	212

Submitted by VE3ADB
Joe Scott

Motion to approve the report: Hal (VE3HWG)
Seconded: Dan (VE2JMF)
Adopted.

5- Technical Directors Report:

Doug Pearson reported that there was no repeater maintenance required nor performed since last month.

Doug presented a summary of Club repeaters by location:

SVARC Repeaters by Location

Cornwall				
Callsign	Frequency (MHz)	Offset (MHz.)	Mode	Access
VA3SDG	145.570	- 0.600	FM or C4FM	CTCSS 110.9 (Hz.)
VE3SVC	147.180	+0.600	FM or C4FM	CTCSS 110.9 (Hz.)
VE3SVC	224.180	-1.600	FM	CTCSS 110.9 (Hz.)
VA3EDG	442.100	+5.000	DMR	Color Code 1
VA3SDG	444.450	+5.000	FM	CTCSS 110.9 (Hz.)
Bonville				
Callsign	Frequency (MHz)	Offset (MHz.)	Mode	Access
VE3PGC-1	145.390	0	APRS	AX.25
VE3VSW	442.200	+5.000	FM	CTCSS 110.9 (Hz.)
VE3PGC	443.650	+5.000	FM or C4FM	CTCSS 110.9 (Hz.)
South Glengarry				
Callsign	Frequency (MHz)	Offset (MHz.)	Mode	Access
VA3FHA	147.030	-0.600	FM or C4FM	CTCSS 110.9 (Hz.)

Concerning the VE3SVC 220MHz repeater, it was mentioned that this repeater assembly was supplied graciously by Rick (VA3EV) and Doug (VE3HTR).

It was also mentioned that the present mobile duplexer will be replaced by a high-performance cavity-based duplexer purchased by Doug (VE3HTR).

This new duplexer will provide several improvements, namely:

- Allow a 3 dB higher power operation (from 20 to 40 Watts)
- Lower Tx path I.L. (Insertion Loss) by 1.5 dB
- Lower Rx path I.L. by 1.5 dB
- Delete the Tx band reject filter in the Rx path, reducing Rx path I.L. by 1.5 dB.

Doug also stressed the importance of using the 220 band, our spectrum is always under threat of being reallocated. Usage is the strongest argument to protect our spectrum.

Motion to approve the report: Hal (VE3HWG)

Seconded: Dan (VE2JMF)

Adopted.

6- General planning for the future:

A planning calendar for 2023 is being attached in Annex I.

- a. Winter Fox Hunts: A Fox hunt is planned for April 2023. Availability of participant is to be verified before setting the date.
- b. Monday night Nets, (see item 4 above);

- c. Coffee Klatches. It was agreed by all present to retain Spinner's Restaurant for the even Saturday Coffee Klatches.

7- New Business

- a. (swap-meet) is being held on D Saturday April 1st at the legion at 24 Dundas, Iroquois. The SVARC has reserved 2 tables for members to disposed of surplus equipment. The door opens at 8:00 am for vendors and 9:00 am for participants, there is no entry fee.
- b. Raisin River Canoe Race: This year the Race will be held on April 15, 2023. The move of the race from Sunday to Saturday was requested to avoid conflict with the Sunday masses at the St Andrews Catholic Church.

The St. John Ambulance organization will not participate this year due to some internal organizational issues. Nevertheless, the SVARC will participate as part of the RRCR Safety committee, providing communications for the event.

Several members present agreed to participate.

- c. Upcoming Cornwall emergency management / S&DG ACS meeting in February, 2023.

This meeting, scheduled for February 6/7, 2023, did not happen. Earle (VE3IMP) will contact again the Cornwall Emergency Management to reschedule.

- d. Emergency communication exercise with S&DG Fire Department: An Emergency Communications (EmComm) test is planned to be held with the South Glengarry Fire Department. The dates are set is April 4 2023. It was suggested to use VA3FHA as prime repeater and VE3PGC as back-up, to highlight that the SVARC can maintain communication even in the event of the Fire department communication failure at Beaver Brook.

Earle (VE3IMP) and Dave Robertson (South Glengarry Fire Chief) to coordinate.

Several members expressed their wish to participate:

Earnest VA3EWV
Hunter VA3HWF
Hal VE3HWG
Rick VA3EV
Earle VE3IMP
Roger VA3GBV

8- Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held in a hybrid mode on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at St. John Ambulance, 100 Second St. W., Cornwall, ON K6J 1G5.

9- Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 EDT.

Minutes submitted by Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV), Secretary,
March 31, 2023

Annex I

SVARC 2023 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: April 27, 2023

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
2.	April 2023	Mon /Tue.	TBD	Cornwall CEMC /SD&DG ACS meeting	TBD	N/A	Earle
3.	March 29, 2023	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ		Joe
4.	April 1, 2023	Sat.		Iroquois Hamfest			All
5.	April 4, 2023	Tuesday.		EmCom exercise	SGFD		Earle
5.	April 15, 2023	Sat.		Raisin River Canoe Race			Roger
6.	June 24/25	Sat./Sun		SVARC Field day	TBD		Earl
7.	July 15, 2023	Sat.		Club BBQ	VA3EWV's QTH		Earnest

Notes:

1. Monday evening weekly Nets take place at 19:00L starting on the VE3SVC repeater,
2. Coffee Klatches usually take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, starting at 08:30L, at *Spinner's*, 118 Pitt Street,
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