



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting

September 27, 2023

Virtual portion conducted by Zoom



Venue: St John Ambulance, 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall.
 Date: September 27, 2023
 Time: 19:00 EDT
 Present: 15 Members and 3 guests

Before and during the meeting, all in-person attendees enjoyed refreshments brought by Joe (VE3ADB). (Thanks Joe).

Present:	
1. Earle DePass, President (VE3IMP)	9. Hunter Racine (VA3HWF)
2. Joe Scott, Vice-President (VE3ADB)	10. Dan Cullen (VE2JMF)
3. Chris Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR)	11. Richard Bowen (VA3KCB)
4. Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)	12. Michael Joyce (VE3LTN) (via Zoom)
5. John Grow (VE2EQL)	13. Robert Fry (VE3ARF) (via Zoom)
6. Earnest Vinson (VA3EWW)	14. Dean Brush (VA3BS)
7. Jamie Montroy	15. Marshall McBride (VE3SX)
8. Michael Bickerstaffe (VE3AQE)	16. Brendan Bronzan (VA3BXJ)

1- Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Earle (VE3IMP) at 19:00 EDT

2- Round table

Earle (VE3IMP) welcomed all members and guests both present and on-line who introduced themselves.

Earle also introduced Bredan Broznan (VA3BXJ) who recently passed his Amateur Radio examination and joined the SVARC.

3- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

Earle (VE3IMP) asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the June 28, 2023, meeting. These minutes had been circulated in June 2023, and again on September 25, 2023, along with the agenda for the September 27, 2023, General Meeting.

There were no further questions.

Motion to approve the minutes: Doug (VE3HTR)

Seconded: Dean (VA3BS)

The minutes were approved.

4- **Treasurer's Report**

29-Jun-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814848 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$150.00	Coax Bought by Hunter
30-Jun-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812234 Memo JAMES MICHAEL JOYCE	\$100.00	RAC Renewal + Donation
01-Jul-2023	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 11 Cheque Date 30-Jun-2023 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101	-\$156.30	Field Day Food
10-Jul-2023	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 15 Cheque Date 10-Jul-2023 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101	-\$50.00	Doug, Multicoupler pickup
16-Jul-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814159 Memo JAMES MICHAEL JOYCE	\$20.00	BBQ Raffle
17-Jul-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812021 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$95.00	BBQ Raffle
17-Jul-2023	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 16 Cheque Date 17-Jul-2023 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101	-\$148.00	BBQ
27-Jul-2023	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 14 Cheque Date 27-Jul-2023 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101	-\$192.10	Outhouse for Field Daay
13-Sep-2023	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 17 Cheque Date 13-Sep-2023 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101	-\$132.66	Antenna Mast

Balance as of September 26, 2023

<u>General</u>	<u>Repeater</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Accessible</u>
\$1,093.96	\$2,712.80	\$3,806.76	-\$50	\$3,756.76
	+\$150			
+\$30	+\$70			
-\$156.30				
	-\$50			
+\$20				
+\$95				
-\$148				
-\$192.10				
	-\$132.66			
\$742.56	\$2,750.14	\$3,492.70	-\$50	\$3,442.70

Antenna Sale:

It was agreed that the club would sell to Dan (VE2JMF) an antenna for the sum of \$20.00.

The report was submitted by Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR).

Adoption of report proposed John (VE2EQL)
 Secoded Hunter (VA3HWF)
 Adopted.

5- Secretary's Report – Roger (VA3GBV):

As of June 30, 2023, the SVARC has 46 Members in good standing including 41 voting members.

Total Number of RAC Members	25
Total Number of paid Members	46
Number of voting Members	41

This is up 3 members from last month's report.

New members joined:

Bilyk, Jeffrey	VA3ITD
Bronzan, Brendan	VA3BXJ
Bowen, Richard	VA3KCB

Adoption of report proposed by Joe Scott (VE3ADB)
 Seconded : Dean (VA3BS)
 Adopted.

6- Net Managers Report for May 2023 – Earnest (VA3EWW):

Our Monday night Net meets at 1900 local time on Mondays Year-round

Net Manager's Report for Wednesday Sept. 27, 2023

Earnest indicated that we are looking for Net Control Operators for the dates that are vacant below, if you wish to run the net for any of the 5 open dates below, please email earnestvinson@gmail.com and let him know what date you wish to take.

JULY 03	JULY 10	JULY 17	JULY 24	JULY 31	AUG 07	AUG 14	AUG 21	AUG 28	SEPT 04
Hunter VA3HW F	Hunter VA3HW F	Earnest VA3EW V	Joe VE3AD B	Hunter VA3HW F	Earnest VA3EW V	Earnest VA3EW V	Hunter VA3HW F	Roger VA3GB V	Earnest VA3EW V

SEPT 11	SEPT 18	SEPT 25	OCT 2	OCT 9	OCT 16	OCT 23	OCT 30	NOV 06	NOV 13
Earnest VA3EWW	Earle VA3IMP	Roger VA3GBV	Earnest VA3EWW			Roger VA3GBV			

Net report for Aug 2023 – We had a total of 98 check-ins
 Net report for Sept 2023 – We had a total of 137 check-ins

If you have any questions, please contact Earnest – VA3EWW via phone 613-601-0197 or email @ earnestvinson@gmail.com

SVARC August 2023													
SVARC Net Report For; August 07, 2023				Net Control - VA3EWW - Earnest									
Check In on;	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC - 443.650	VE3PGC-L - EchoLink	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG 144.570	VA3SDG 444.450	VA3FHA 147.030	VE3SVC 224.180	VE3VSW 442.200	Total			
Totals	9	6	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	19			
SVARC Net Report For; August 14, 2023				Net Control - VA3EWW - Earnest									
Check In on;	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC - 443.650	VE3PGC-L - EchoLink	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG 144.570	VA3SDG 444.450	VA3FHA 147.030	VE3SVC 224.180	VE3VSW 442.200	Total			
Totals	8	9	1	3	0	3	3	3	0	30			
SVARC Net Report For; August 21, 2023				Net Control - VA3HWF - Hunter									
Check In on;	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC - 443.650	VE3PGC-L - EchoLink	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG 144.570	VA3SDG 444.450	VA3FHA 147.030	VE3SVC 224.180	VE3VSW 442.200	Total			
Totals	9	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	20			
SVARC Net Report For; August 28, 2023				Net Control - VE3GBV - Roger									
Check In on;	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC - 443.650	VE3PGC-L - EchoLink	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG 144.570	VA3SDG 444.450	VA3FHA 147.030	VE3SVC 224.180	VE3VSW 442.200	Total			
Totals	11	9	2	3	0	0	4	0	0	29			
August 2023 Totals				VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC - 443.650	VE3PGC-L - EchoLink	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG 144.570	VA3SDG 444.450	VA3FHA 147.030	VE3SVC 224.180	VE3VSW 442.200	Total
				37	33	6	6	0	3	10	3	0	98
SVARC September 2023													
SVARC Net Report For; September 04, 2023				Net Control - VA3EWW - Earnest									
Check In on;	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC - 443.650	VE3PGC-L - EchoLink	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG 144.570	VA3SDG 444.450	VA3FHA 147.030	VE3SVC 224.180	VE3VSW 442.200	Total			
Totals	11	11	1	2	4	3	5	3	3	43			
SVARC Net Report For; September 11, 2023				Net Control - VA3EWW - Earnest									
Check In on;	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC - 443.650	VE3PGC-L - EchoLink	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG 144.570	VA3SDG 444.450	VA3FHA 147.030	VE3SVC 224.180	VE3VSW 442.200	Total			
Totals	12	11	0	4	0	4	6	5	6	48			
SVARC Net Report For; September 18, 2023				Net Control - VE3IMP - Earle									
Check In on;	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC - 443.650	VE3PGC-L - EchoLink	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG 144.570	VA3SDG 444.450	VA3FHA 147.030	VE3SVC 224.180	VE3VSW 442.200	Total			
Totals	8	6	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	19			
SVARC Net Report For; September 25, 2023				Net Control - VE3GBV - Roger									
Check In on;	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC - 443.650	VE3PGC-L - EchoLink	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG 144.570	VA3SDG 444.450	VA3FHA 147.030	VE3SVC 224.180	VE3VSW 442.200	Total			
Totals	4	7	2	4	0	0	7	3	0	27			
September 2023 Totals				VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC - 443.650	VE3PGC-L - EchoLink	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG 144.570	VA3SDG 444.450	VA3FHA 147.030	VE3SVC 224.180	VE3VSW 442.200	Total
				35	35	4	10	4	7	22	11	9	137

7- Technical Directors Report – Doug (VE3HTR):

Doug discussed antenna changes and gave example of how folded dipole in the newsletter worked. Also referenced Newsletter article about antenna work.

8- On-going business:

- a. Updates for the Club Banner: Earnest and Earle are still working on obtaining a banner.

This was discussed at the June 2023 meeting in section 9 item d.:

Club Banner: The Club banner was discussed. Daniel (VA3SDO) offered to print a 3' x 6' banner. Roger (VA3GBV) to prepare some artwork to be submitted to the executive for approval.

Roger sent the banner design to Dan (VA3SDO) on July 2nd 2023, with a copy to the executives.

- b. Fox Hunt:

It was agreed this evening that the next Fox Hunt is planned for Sunday October 14, 2023.

9- New business:

- a. Bylaws amendments were read in the meeting.

The present section 6.3 of the By-Laws reads:

The Executive has primary responsibility for managing finances. Routine operating expenses are handled by the Treasurer, who reports these at each Member's meeting. The Treasurer is authorized to spend up to \$200 on normal operations items without prior approval by the Membership. Any significant, non-routine payments, within this limit, must be agreed to, at

minimum, by the President and the Treasurer plus 2 others of the Executive. This will be reported upon at the next Members' meeting.

There is no mention as to how to process expenditures over \$200, so it is proposed to add the following sentence to section 6.3:

Any expenditure over \$200 shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the members present, in person or virtual, at a Members meeting prior to disbursement.

A second amendment is proposed to change the second sentence of section 6.3 to read:

The ~~Treasurer~~ Executive is authorized to spend up to \$200 on normal operations items without prior approval by the Membership.

This amendment makes this sentence consistent with the rest of this section, stating:

Any significant, non-routine payments, within this limit, must be agreed to, at minimum, by the President and the Treasurer plus 2 others of the Executive. This will be reported upon at the next Members' meeting.

Proposed amendments to was tabled at Meeting and will submitted to a vote on at the October Meeting.

- b. Earnest wants to have a disclaimer put out so that members can opt in or out of streaming events and club pictures,
- c. Nomination committee Earle presented the nomination committee consisting of:
Earle (VE3IMP), Joe (VE3ADB) and Doug (VE3HTR)
The Nomination committee will present a slate of candidates at next meeting.
- d. Christmas Dinner: Earnest (VA3EWW) will be contacting all members soon with a choice of venue aiming for Dec 2, 2023.

10- Show and Tell:

- a. Doug showed how to match a folded dipole using coaxial cable. .
- b. Rob (VE3ARF) gave an impromptu live Demo of FT-8 from his shack. It was quite interesting.

11- 50 / 50:

The 50/50 (\$20.00) was won by Marsh. \$20. 00 went to the repeater fund.

12- Next Meeting: October 25, 2023, 7:00PM, St. John Ambulance, 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall.

13- Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 21:00 EDT.

Annex I
SVARC 2023 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: October 5, 2023

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
1.	October 25, 2023	Wednesday	19:00	Club General Meeting	St-John Ambulance 100 - 2nd Street W.,		Earle
2.	December 2, 2023	Sat.		Christmas Dinner	TBA		Earnest VA3EWV

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, Cornwall,
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