



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting

October 25, 2023

Virtual portion conducted by Zoom



Venue: St John Ambulance, 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall.
 Date: October 25, 2023
 Time: 19:00 EDT
 Present: 21 Members and 1 guest

Before and during the meeting, all in-person attendees enjoyed refreshments brought by Earle (VE3IMP). (Thanks Earle).

Present:	
1. Earle DePass, President (VE3IMP)	12. Hunter Racine (VA3HWF)
2. Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)	13. Dan Cullen (VE2JMF)
3. Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)	14. Richard Bowen (VA3KCB)
4. John Grow (VE2EQL)	15. Dean Brush (VA3BS)
5. Earnest Vinson (VA3EWW)	16. Marshall McBride (VE3SX)
6. Jamie Montroy	17. Robert Harmaty (VE3JYD)
7. Michael Bickerstaffe (VE3AQE)	18. Jason Racine (VE3PRY)
8. Daniel Theriault (VA3SDO)	19. Pete Legault (VA2FKR) (Via Zoom)
9. Dave Tucker (Guest)	20. Robert Fry (VE3ARF) (via Zoom)
10. Marshall McBride (VE3SX)	21. Michael Joyce (VE3LTN) (via Zoom)
11. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH)	22. Leonard Boileau (VE3OLB) (Via Zoom)

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.

3- New agenda item

Ed Halliwell asked to add a new agenda item under new business:
 SD&G Emergency training

4- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

Earle (VE3IMP) asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the September 27, 2023, meeting. These minutes had been circulated on October 5, 2023, and again on October 25, 2023, along with the agenda for the October 25, 2023, General Meeting.

Ed Halliwell pointed out that there was a typo in the spelling of Brandon Broznan in item 2. The correction will be made, and the final version will be issued.

There were no further questions.

Motion to approve the minutes: Hunter (VA3HWF)

Seconded: Dan (VE2JMF)

The minutes were approved.

5- Treasurer's Report

Read by Earle (VE3IMP) in the absence of the treasurer

27-Sep-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813071 Memo E EARLE DEPASS	\$50.00	Money from Exams for two new members + donation
27-Sep-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813426 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$75.00	New membership after June 30, 50\50, Donation
28-Sep-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812969 Memo EARNEST VINSON	\$5.00	50\50
28-Sep-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812428 Memo BRENDAN BRONZAN	\$100.00	Donation
02-Oct-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812951 Memo DOUGLAS P PEARSON	\$20.00	Donation for Diamond X-200 from Dan Cullen

Balance as of October 22, 2023

<u>General</u>	<u>Repeater</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Accessible</u>
\$742.56	\$2,750.14	\$3,492.70	-\$50	\$3,442.70
\$40	\$10			
\$55	\$20			
\$5				
	\$100			
	\$20			
\$842.56	\$2,900.14	\$3,742.70	-\$50	\$3,692.70

Adoption of report proposed by Rick (VA3KCB)
 Seconded: Dan (VE2JMF)
 Adopted.

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

As of October 25, 2023, the SVARC has 49 Members in good standing including 43 voting members.

Total Number of RAC Members	26
Total Number of paid Members	49
Number of voting Members	43

This is up by 3 members since last month as 3 new members joined during the meeting:

- Dave Tucker,
- Marshall McBride (VE3SX)
- Robert Harmaty (VE3JYD)

7- Net Managers Report for October 2023 – Earnest (VA3EWW):

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

Earnest asked for additional Net Controllers..

Net report for Oct 2023 – We had 128 Total Check-ins as outlined in the chart below.

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

SVARC October 2023											
SVARC Net Report For; October 02, 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	4	5	1	1	2	1	4	2	4	24	
SVARC Net Report For; October 09, 2023		Net Control - VA3EWW - Earnest - Thanksgiving 2023									
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	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
SVARC Net Report For; October 16, 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	10	13	1	4	0	5	5	4	5	46	
SVARC Net Report For; October 23, 2023		Net Control - VA3GBV - 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	15	13	2	3	0	0	11	0	0	44	
October 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	37	6	8	2	6	20	6	9	128



8- Technical Directors Report – Doug (VE3HTR):

The Club operates 8 repeaters and one APRS node.

The VE3SDG VHF repeater, 145.570 (-) is experiencing poor performance .

It is expected that the dual band antenna is causing the problem. The site will be visited on Friday October 27, 2023 to investigate.

This antenna was scheduled to be replaced in the spring 2024. It may need to be replaced immediately. An expenditure of \$300 to replace the antenna was requested by Doug.

Motion to approve expenditure of \$300: Doug (VE3HTR)

Seconded by Roger B. (VA3GBV)

Adopted unanimously.

The AIS receiver went offline several days ago and was brought back to Doug's QTH for repair. The cause of the failure was the Raspberry-Pi which was replaced.

The unit is temporarily online from Doug's QTH and will be reinstalled at the CCH site on Friday October 27, 2023.

Earle (VE3IMP) and Doug (VE3HTR) stressed the importance of the internet for Amateur Radio providing world-wide coverage from local repeaters using several technologies:

- All Star network
- DMR using Brandmeister network
- Wire-X using Yeasu Fusion
- AIS (Automatic Identification System) position reporting
- APRS position reporting

Motion to approve Technical Director's report: Jason (VE3PRY)

Seconded by Dean. (VA3BS)

Adopted unanimously.

9- On-going business:

- a. Club Banner: Dan (VA3SDO) brought the 2 banners he had prepared for the SVARC at no cost. One of the banners was put on display during the meeting for members to see. Many thanks for Dan for providing these banners.
- b. Fox Hunt: The last hunt was held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 and hosted by Steve (VE3EZB). The winner of the hunt was (appropriately) Hunter (VA3HWF). Hunter will be the host of the next Fox Hunt to be held on November 5, 2023.

10- Bylaws amendments:

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 were tabled at the September Meeting and were submitted to a vote.

Motion to approve the proposed amendments: Jason (VE3PRY)
Seconded by Roger B. (VA3GBV)
Adopted unanimously.

11- New business

a. The nomination committee presented the slate proposed for the 2024-2025 executive

- John Grow (VE2EQL) for President
- Earnest Vinson (VA3EWW) for Vice-President
- Secretary and Treasurer positions remain vacant for the present time,

The nomination committee also recommended Hunter (VA3HWF) as the Net Manager. It was suggested to put a new position – Event Coordinator - in place. Jason (VE3PRY) volunteered to take on this role should the new executive decide it to be necessary. The new executive will be decided on by an election at the November 2023 General Meeting.

b. Christmas Dinner: Earnest (VA3EWW) will be coordinating this event;

Location: Quinn's Inn

Date December 5, 2023

Cocktails at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00

A signup sheet will be sent to the membership to get a preliminary head count to Quinn's by November 8, 2023.

It is a family affair, bring family and friends.

c. SD&G Emergency training

The SVARC has been invited to participate in an emergency training and table top exercise on November 2 in Avonmore from 9:15 to 15:00.

Ed (VE3EAH) and Earle (VE3IMP) plan to attend.

Should other members wish to attend, please communicate with Ed or Earle.

12- 50 / 50:

The 50/50 was entered by the 21 members present (\$105.00) was won by Earle. Earle gave back his share to the general fund.

13- Doug brought the following door prizes:

- a. VHF/UHF Jetstream JTB-2 antenna won by John (VE2EQL), and,
 - b. A Raspberry-Pi 1 won by Earle (VE3IMP).
- Rob (VE3ARF) gave a section of a tower to Rick (VA3KCB).

14- Next Meeting: November 29, 2023, 7:00PM, St. John Ambulance, 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall.

15- Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 21:05 EDT.

Annex I
SVARC 2023 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: November 2, 2023

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
1	October 28, 2023	Saturday	8:30	Coffee Klatch	Spinners, 118 Pitt St.		All
2	November 11, 2023	Saturday	8:30	Coffee Klatch	Spinners, 118 Pitt St.		All
3	November 25, 2023	Saturday	8:30	Coffee Klatch	Spinners, 118 Pitt St.		All
4.	November 29, 2023	Wednesday	19:00	Club General Meeting Election of the executive	St-John Ambulance 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall		Earle
5.	December 5, 2023	Tuesday		Christmas Dinner	Quinn's Inn, St. Andrews West		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