



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting

November 29, 2023

Virtual portion conducted by Zoom



Venue: St John Ambulance, 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall.
 Date: November 29, 2023
 Time: 19:00 EDT
 Present: 19 members.

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

Due to a problem with the overhead projector and the Zoom link, the virtual portion of the meeting was not available.

Present:	
1. Earle DePass, President (VE3IMP)	12. Hunter Racine (VA3HWF)
2. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV)	13. Richard Bowen (VA3KCB)
3. Joe Scott, Vice President (VE3ADB)	14. Dean Brush (VA3BS)
4. Christopher Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR)	15. Jason Racine (VE3PRY)
5. Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)	16. Robert Fry (VE3ARF)
6. John Grow (VE2EQL)	17. Michael Joyce
7. Earnest Vinson (VA3EWV)	18. Leonard Boileau (VE3OLB)
8. Michael Bickerstaffe (VE3AQE)	19. Larry Giguere (VA3RSQ)
9. Dave Tucker	20. Brendan Bronzan (VA3BXJ)
10. Marshall McBride (VE3SX)	
11. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH)	

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 who introduced themselves.

3- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

Earle (VE3IMP) asked if there were any questions or comments on the draft minutes of the October 29, 2023, meeting. These minutes had been circulated on November 2, 2023 and again on November 25, 2023, along with the agenda for this meeting.

There were no further questions.

Motion to approve the minutes: Joe (VE3ADB)

Seconded: Hunter (VA3HWF)

The minutes were approved.

4- Treasurer's Report

25-Oct-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812704 Memo SERGE DANIEL THERIAULT	\$5.00	50\50
25-Oct-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814173 Memo EARNEST VINSON	\$5.00	50\50
25-Oct-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813507 Memo LEONARD BOILEAU	\$5.00	50\50
26-Oct-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813183 Memo JAMES MICHAEL JOYCE	\$5.00	50\50
26-Oct-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814082 Memo ROGER BELANGER	\$120.00	50\50, 3x New member after June 30.
26-Oct-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812191 Memo JOHN H GROW	\$20.00	50\50 + Donation
26-Oct-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814362 Memo DOUGLAS P PEARSON	\$80.00	Stan, Coax + Donation
28-Oct-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812894 Memo JAMES E DIXON	\$30.00	Renewal RAC Member
12-Nov-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813399 Memo ROGER BELANGER	\$30.00	Renewal RAC Member
14-Nov-2023	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 18 Cheque Date 14-Nov-2023 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101 Reference Number 610002290	-\$51.50	Donation for Sandra

Balance as of November 28, 2023

General	Repeater	Total	Shares	Accessible
\$842.56	\$2,900.14	\$3,742.70	-\$50	\$3,692.70
\$60.00	\$45.00			
\$55.00	\$80.00			
\$30.00				
\$30.00				
-51.50				
\$966.06	\$3,025.14	\$3,991.20	-\$50	\$3,941.20

Adoption of report proposed by Roger (VA3GBV)
 Seconded: Jason (VE3PRY)
 Adopted.

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

As of November 29, 2023, the SVARC has 49 Members in good standing including 43 voting members.

Total Number of RAC Members	27
Total Number of paid Members	49
Number of voting Members	44

Adoption of report proposed by Larry (VA3RSQ))
 Seconded: Rick (VA3KCB)
 Adopted.

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

Net Manager’s Report for Wednesday November 29, 2023
 Net report for Nov 2023 – We had 168 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 November 2023										
SVARC Net Report For: Nov 06, 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	16	13	0	4	0	7	5	5	6	56
SVARC Net Report For: Nov 13, 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	10	0	2	0	4	3	3	6	40
SVARC Net Report For: Nov 20, 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	13	8	0	1	0	5	7	3	7	44
SVARC Net Report For: Nov 27, 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	8	11	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	28
November 2023 Totals										
	147.180	443.650	EchoLink	Ch 9 -Slot 2	144.570	444.450	147.030	224.180	442.200	Total
	49	42	3	7	0	16	21	11	19	168

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 6 open dates below, please email earnestvinson@gmail.com and let me 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 VA3HWF	Hunter VA3HWF	Earnest VA3EWW	Joe VE3ADB	Hunter VA3HWF	Earnest VA3EWW	Earnest VA3EWW	Hunter VA3HWF	Roger VA3GBV	Earnest VA3EWW

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	Earnest VA3EWW	Earnest VA3EWW	Roger VA3GBV	Earnest VA3EWW	Earnest VA3EWW	Earnest VA3EWW

Nov 20	Nov 27	Dec 04	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25	Jan 01	Jan 08	Jan 15	Jan 22
Earnest VA3EWW	Roger VA3GBV				No Net	No Net			

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

Adoption of report proposed by Joe (VE3(ADB))
 Seconded: Hunter (VA3HWF)
 Adopted.

7- Technical Directors Report – Doug (VE3HTR):

The Club operates 8 repeaters and one APRS node.

The Echo-link and Allstar nodes are back on-line after replacing the defective Rasberry Pi card with a version 4 upgrade.

The VE3VSW repeater configuration was investigated and showed poorer performance than VE3PGC while operating at the same power level and sharing the same antennas. Results are still inconclusive.

Motion to approve Technical Director’s report by Joe (VE3ADB)
 Seconded by Larry (VA3RSQ)
 Adopted unanimously.

8- RAC Affiliation renewal for 2024 and RAC 2024 Insurance form application

The renewal and insurance application are estimated based on current RAC rates.

2023

item	Qty	Description	Rate	Amount
<i>Club Affiliation</i>		Club Affiliation Fee	\$ 27,95	\$ 27,95
<i>Insurance -</i>		Base Insurance Base Fee	\$ 220,00	\$ 220,00
<i>Insurance - Members</i>	43	Member Headcount Fee (\$1.25 per Member)	\$ 1,25	\$ 53,75
<i>Insurance - Memb...</i>	19	Non-RAC Member Fee (\$13.00 per non-RAC Member)	\$ 13,00	\$ 247,00
<i>Insurance - Equip...</i>	21624	Equipment Loss & Damage Coverage (1.3% ACV)	1,30%	\$ 281,11
<i>HST</i>		(8% Provincial Tax on Insurance Premium)	8,00%	\$ 64,15
<i>HST (ON)</i>		on sales	13,00%	\$ 3,63

Members as of June 30, 2023

Total	\$ 897,59
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Last years renewal and insurance fee cost a total of **\$852,91**

The increase is due to 4 elements:

1. The number of members increased from 34 last year to 43 this year, \$11,25
2. The number of non-RAC members increased from 13 last year to 19 this year, \$78
3. The total assets decreased from \$25 307 to 49 this year to \$21 624 this year, **\$47,88**
4. HST on the total increase due to the above: \$3,31

The reduction in assets is partly due to the removal of the APRS node and several reconfiguration changes at the Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH).

Motion to allow to disburse up to \$ \$1000: Roger (VA3GBV)
 Seconded: Joe (VE3ADB)
 Adopted.

Given that that the membership extra fee for non-RAC members is \$10, while the premium the club has to pay to RAC for insurance coverage is \$13, it is being proposed to increase the club membership fee for non-RAC members from \$40 to \$45.

Roger raised a motion to increase non-RAC membership fee: Roger (VA3GBV)
 Seconded: Joe (VE3ADB)
 Adopted.

It is proposed to amend the above motion to apply the increase fee to all members. Where the membership fee for 2024 will be as follows:

RAC Members: \$35
 Non-RAC Members: \$45

Motion to adopt above amendment to membership fee increase: John (VE2EQL)
 Seconded: Dean (VA3BS)
 Adopted.

9- Amateur of the year Award

A secret ballot was held to elect the Amateur Radio Operator of the year award, known as the Tim Smith Memorial Award.

The Award will be presented at the X-mas dinner on December 5, 2023.

10- Election of the executive:

The nominating committee had proposed the following nomination at the October 2023 meeting:

- a. **President:** John Grow (VE2EQL).
There were no other candidates, John was elected by acclamation.
- b. **Vice-President:** Earnest (VA3EWV).
From the floor, Marshall (VE3SX) proposed Hunter (VA3HWF) for Vice President, seconded by Jason (VE3PRY)
A vote was held, and Hunter was elected Vice-President.
- c. **Treasurer:** No proposal from the nomination committee.
Dean (VA3BS) proposed Chris (VA3CRR) for Treasurer, seconded by Roger (VA3GBV).
There were no other candidates, Chris (VA3CRR) was elected by acclamation.
- d. **Secretary:** No proposal from the nomination committee.
Joe (V3ADB) proposed Roger (VA3GBV) for Secretary, seconded by John (VE2EQL)
There were no other candidates, Roger (VA3GBV) has been elected by acclamation.

11- New repeater equipment

It was recommended by Doug (VE3HTR) to take advantage of a promotion program by Yeasu and purchase a DR2-X Fusion (C4-FM) at a cost of \$750 USD. To make full use of the fusion capability of a DR2-X it was also recommended to purchase the optional LAN card for connectivity to the internet for a projected total cost of \$950 usd. Given the USD to Cdn exchange rate and shipping cost, it was recommended to approve an expenditure of up to \$1500 Cdn.

This repeater would be used to replace the VE3SDG UHF repeater. This repeater is presently a Kludge based on Motorola R-1225 transmitters and receivers.

The rationale for this recommendation is that presently the club owns only one or our 8 repeaters transmitters/receiver sub-systems.

Repeater	Brand and Model	Frequency	Location	Owner
VE3SVC	Yesu DR2-X C4-FM	147.180 MHz (+)	CCH	VA3EV
VE3SVC	Tytera TYT-9000D	224.180 MHz (-)	CCH	VE3HTR/VA3EV
VE3EDG	Motorola XPR-8400 DMR Repeater	442.100 MHZ (+)	CCH	VE3HTR
VE3SDG	Yesu DR2-X C4-FM	145.570 MHz (-)	CCH	SVARC
VA3SDG	Motorola R_1225	444.450 MHz (+)	CCH	VE3HTR
VE3VSW	Yesu DR2-X C4-FM	442.200 MHZ (+)	Bonville	VE3HTR
VE3PGC	Motorola R_1225	443.650 MHz (+)	Bonville	VE3HTR
VA3FHA	Yesu DR2-X C4-FM	147.030 MHZ (-)	Beaverbrook	VE3HTR

Motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$1500 Cdn for the purchase of a Yeasu DR2-X repeater together with a LAN card: John (VE2EQL)
Seconded: Jason (VE3PRY)
Motion carried 18 votes for, 1 abstention.

12- Fox Hunt

There were some discussions concerning the refurbishment of the FOX transmitter, as it failed during the last Fox hunt on November 26, 2023. Further discussion was tabled until the January 2024 meeting.

13- Next Meeting: January 31, 2024, at 7:00PM, St. John Ambulance, 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall.

14- Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 20:45 EST.

Annex I
SVARC 2023 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: February 1, 2024

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
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 05, 2023	Tuesday	17:00	Christmas Dinner	Quinns		Earnest VA3EWV
3	January 31, 2023	Wednesday	19:00	Club General Meeting Introduction of the new executive	St-John Ambulance 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall		

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