



**Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.**

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting

January 31, 2024

Virtual portion conducted by Zoom.



Venue: St John Ambulance, 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall.  
 Date: January 31, 2024  
 Time: 19:00 EDT  
 Present: 21 members.

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

<b>Present:</b>	
1. John Grow, President (VE2EQL)	13. Jason Racine (VE3PRY)
2. Earle DePass, Past President (VE3IMP)	14. Brendan Bronzan (VA3BXJ)
3. Hunter Racine, Vice-President (VA3HWF)	15. Michael Berthiaume (VE3HRO)
4. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV)	16. David Bernard (VE3YH)
5. Christopher Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR)	17. Carlos D'Empaire, (VA3CEI)
6. Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)	18. Steve Harvey (VE3EZB) via Zoom
7. Earnest Vinson (VA3EWW)	19. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH) via Zoom
8. Michael Bickerstaffe (VE3AQE)	20. Michael Joyce (VE3LTN) via Zoom
9. Dave Tucker (VA3OPS)	21. James Dixon (VE3XID) via Zoom
10. René Champagne (VA3RIA)	22. Robert Fry (VE3ARF) via Zoom
11. David Kearley (VA3DKZ)	23. Richard Russel (Guest)
12. Dan Cullen (VE2JMF) (VE3DIT)	24. Leo Yoshinaka (Guest Speaker)

**1- Call to order:**

Meeting called to order by John (VE2EQL) at 19:00 EDT.

**2- New executive and appointed positions**

John (VE2EQL) introduced the new executive and appointed positions.

- John Grow, President (VE2EQL)
- Hunter Racine, Vice-President (VA3HWF)
- Christopher Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR)
- Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV)
- Doug Pearson (VE3HTR) Technical Director
- Earnest Vinson (VA3EWW) Net Manager
- Jason Racine (VE3PRY) Event Coordinator
- Steve Harvey (VE3EZB) Newsletter Editor

**3- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:**

John (VE2EQL) asked if there were any questions or comments on the draft minutes of the November 29, 2023, meeting. These minutes had been circulated on December 5, 2023, and again on January 24, 2023, along with the agenda for this meeting.

There were no further questions.

- Motion to approve the minutes: John (VE2EQL)
- Seconded: Earl (VE3IMP)
- The minutes were approved.

#### 4- Treasurer's Report

Presented by Chris (VA3CRR)

Balance as of December 31, 2023

29-Nov-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814563 Memo JOSEPH SCOTT	\$30.00	2024 Renewal-RAC
29-Nov-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813644 Memo JOSEPH SCOTT	\$25.00	Coax Bought - Donation
07-Dec-2023	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 20 Cheque Date 07-Dec-2023 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101 Reference Number 611002550	-\$10.00	Plaque for AOTY Trophy
10-Dec-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812550 Memo ROGER BELANGER	\$5.00	Dues Adj. 2024
14-Dec-2023	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 19 Cheque Date 14-Dec-2023 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101 Reference Number 825001710	-\$169.50	Website Hosting
19-Dec-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814934 Memo Joanne Gates	\$50.00	2024 Renewal-RAC + Donation
29-Dec-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812935 Memo STEVE HARVEY	\$35.00	2024 Renewal-RAC

Balance as of December 31, 2023

General	Repeater	Total	Shares	Accessible
<b>\$966.06</b>	<b>\$3,025.14</b>	<b>\$3,991.20</b>	<b>-\$50</b>	<b>\$3,941.20</b>
+\$30				
	+\$25			
-\$10				
+\$5				
-\$169.50				
+\$35	+\$15			
+\$35				
<b>\$891.56</b>	<b>\$3,065.14</b>	<b>\$3,956.70</b>	<b>-\$50</b>	<b>\$3,906.70</b>

Balance as of January30, 2024

02-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812704 Memo DOUGLAS P PEARSON	\$35.00	2024 Dues - RAC
02-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814117 Memo ROBERT FRY	\$35.00	2024 Dues - RAC
03-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813229 Memo Gilbert Boudreault	\$60.00	2024 Dues -Non RAC + Donation
03-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812530 Memo Tony Steven Belanger	\$45.00	2024 Dues – Non RAC
04-Jan-2024	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 21 Cheque Date 04-Jan-2024 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101 Reference Number 396038320	-\$872.74	RAC Insurance
05-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814718 Memo JOSEPH TONDREAU	\$35.00	2024 Dues - RAC
09-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814327 Memo BRENDAN BRONZAN	\$35.00	2024 Dues - RAC
10-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814472 Memo DAVID A BERNARD	\$35.00	2024 Dues - RAC
21-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812597 Memo JOHN PEDDLE	\$35.00	2024 Dues - RAC
22-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812648 Memo Todd Leblanc	\$45.00	2024 Dues -Non RAC
28-Jan-2024	PC Banking Remote Deposit Capture (cheque deposit) Memo #2024012939801528	\$40.00	2024 Dues -Non RAC - Hal
28-Jan-2024	PC Banking Remote Deposit Capture (cheque deposit) Memo #2024012939801532	\$45.00	2024 Dues – Non RAC Pauline
28-Jan-2024	PC Banking Remote Deposit Capture (cheque deposit) Memo #2024012939801536	\$35.00	2024 Dues – RAC Earle
28-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814193 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$210.00	50\50, 2024 Dues 2x RAC \1x Non RAC, Coax
28-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813731 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$45.00	2024 Dues – Non RAC
30-Jan-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812150 Memo AnyToneDMR	\$35.00	2024 Dues - RAC

Balance as of January 30, 2023

General	Repeater	Total	Shares	Accessible
<b>\$891.56</b>	<b>\$3,065.14</b>	<b>\$3,956.70</b>	<b>-\$50</b>	<b>\$3,906.70</b>
+\$35				
+\$35				
+\$45	+\$15			
+\$45				
-\$872.74				
+\$35				
+\$35				
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+\$45				
+\$40				
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+\$35				
+\$150	+\$60			
+\$45				
+\$35				
<b>\$713.82</b>	<b>\$3,140.14</b>	<b>\$3,853.96</b>	<b>-\$50</b>	<b>\$3,803.96</b>

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

As of January 31, 2024, the SVARC has 49 Members in good standing including 43 voting members.

As per clause 3.3 of club by-laws:

*Annual membership dues shall be proposed by the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and become due and payable no later than 45 days after the start of the Club's fiscal year.*

Total Number of RAC Members	31
Total Number of paid Members	51
Number of voting Members	47

As of January 31, 2024, 30 members have renewed for 2024.

**6- Net Managers Report for January 31, 2024 – Earnest (VA3EWW):**

177 Total Check-ins as outlined in the chart below.

SVARC January 2024										
January 1, 2024										
Net Control - No Club Net - New Years Day	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	C4FM Fusion	
	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC- L- EchoLink	VE3PGC - 443.650	VA3SDG - 444.450	VE3VSW - 442.200	VA3FHA - 147.030	VE3SVC - 224.180	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January 8, 2024										
Net Control : VA3HWF - Hunter Racine	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	C4FM Fusion	
	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC- L- EchoLink	VE3PGC - 443.650	VA3SDG - 444.450	VE3VSW - 442.200	VA3FHA - 147.030	VE3SVC - 224.180	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	12	1	14	11	9	6	4	0	0	57
January 15, 2024										
Net Control : VA3EWW - Earnest Vinson	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	C4FM Fusion	
	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC- L- EchoLink	VE3PGC - 443.650	VA3SDG - 444.450	VE3VSW - 442.200	VA3FHA - 147.030	VE3SVC - 224.180	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	12	2	11	5	5	3	2	1	0	41
January 22, 2024										
Net Control : VA3EWW - Earnest Vinson	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	C4FM Fusion	
	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC- L- EchoLink	VE3PGC - 443.650	VA3SDG - 444.450	VE3VSW - 442.200	VA3FHA - 147.030	VE3SVC - 224.180	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	11	1	8	3	5	6	2	2	1	39
January 29, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	C4FM Fusion	
	VE3SVC - 147.180	VE3PGC- L- EchoLink	VE3PGC - 443.650	VA3SDG - 444.450	VE3VSW - 442.200	VA3FHA - 147.030	VE3SVC - 224.180	VA3EDG - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	16	1	9	4	5	2	2	1	0	40
Repeater Totals	51	5	42	23	24	17	10	4	1	177

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](mailto:earnestvinson@gmail.com) and let me know what date you wish to take

Jan 01	Jan 08	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29	Feb 05	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26	Mar 04
No Net	Hunter Racine – VA3HWF	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW					

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

**7- Technical Directors Report – Doug (VE3HTR):**

The Club operates 8 repeaters and one APRS node.

The AIS receiver for Marine traffic is off-line and will be investigated on the next maintenance trip to the CCH site.

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.)

**8- 2024 Year Planning:**

- a. Raisin River Canoe Race
- b. Fox Hunt
- c. Hamfest:  
Possibility of organizing a Hamfest jointly with the Prescott Russel Amateur Radio Club.
- d. Field Day
- e. MSBike
- f. Summer BBQ

Jason (VE3PRY, Event Coordinator will form a small committee to start planning the 2024 event listed above

**9- ARES Report**

Earle (VE3IMP) explained the purpose of the ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) and in particular the SDG ARES group.

**10- By-laws revision**

Article 2.1 of the SVARC bylaws states:

*Bylaw amendments require approval of 50% plus one of the full members in good standing, of the Club who are present at the meeting at which the amendments are voted on.*

This is not in line with the "Robert's Rules of Order".

Robert's Rules of Order article 56:50 stipulates:

*56:50 Article IX: Amendment of Bylaws. The bylaws should always prescribe the procedure for their amendment, and such provision should always require at least that advance notice be given in a specified manner, and that the amendment be approved by a two-thirds vote. If the bylaws contain no provision for their amendment, they can be amended by a two-thirds vote if previous notice (in the sense defined in 10:44) has been given, or they can be amended by the vote of a majority of the entire membership.*

It is proposed to amend article 2.1 as follows:

*Bylaw amendments require approval by a two-thirds vote of the members present or by a majority of the entire membership.*

*Notice of amendments shall be given at the club meeting preceding the meeting at which the amendments are voted on.*

Notice is being given at the January 31, 2024, meeting and will be submitted to a vote at the February 28, 2024, meeting.

**11- Saturday morning breakfast venue, Hunter (VA3HWF)**

Hunter and Jason proposed to try a new venue for the coffee klatches on even Saturdays. The proposed venue is the Best Western Hotel restaurant, The Hops and Barley, where we could enjoy a private quiet environment at a reasonable cost, all you can eat buffet for \$14.99, or order à-la-carte.

It was proposed to try this venue on Saturday February 10, 2024

Motion to approve proposal: Hunter (VA3HWF)

Seconded: Earl (VE3IMP)

The motion approved.

**12- Guest Speaker: Leo Yoshinaka:**

8AAT STEM CubeSat Robotics Camps.

More at [www.8aat.space](http://www.8aat.space).

**13- Adjournment**

Date, time, and place of next meeting: February 28, 2024, 7:00PM, St. John Ambulance, 100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street W., Cornwall.

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

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Comment	Lead
1.	Winter 2024	Sundays	13h00 - 15h00	Winter Fox Hunts	TBD		TBD
2.	February 10, 2024	Saturday	8 h 30	Coffee Klatch, Best Western (Hops and Barley)	1515 Vincent Massey, Cornwall		
3.	February 17, 2024	Saturday	8 h 00	West Island Amateur Radio Club Hamfest	<a href="https://wiarc.ca/events-archive/wiarc-fleamarket/?occurrence=2024-02-17">https://wiarc.ca/events-archive/wiarc-fleamarket/?occurrence=2024-02-17</a>		
4.	February 24, 2024	Saturday	8 h 30	Coffee Klatch, Best Western (Hops and Barley)	1515 Vincent Massey, Cornwall		
5.	February 28, 2024	Wednesday	19 h 00	Club Meeting	SJA	TBD	John (VE2EQL)
6.	March 27, 2024	Wednesday	19 h 00	Club Meeting	SJA	TBD	John (VE2EQL)
7.	April 6th	Saturday	9 h 00	Iroquois Amateur Radio Club Hamfest	<a href="http://iroquoisarc.ca/page3.html">http://iroquoisarc.ca/page3.html</a>		
8.	April 13, 2024	Saturday	8h00 – 16h00	Raisin River Canoe Race	South Glengarry		TBD
9.	April 24, 2024	Wednesday	19 h 00	Club Meeting	SJA	TBD	John (VE2EQL)
10.	May 4, 2024, TBC	Saturday	8h00 – 16h00	Hamfest	TBD		TBD
11.	May 29, 2024	Wednesday	19 h 00	Club Meeting	SJA	TBD	John (VE2EQL)
12.	June 22, 23, 2024	Saturday-Sunday	All day	Field Day	TBD		TBD
13.	TBD	Saturday	15h00 - 19h00	Summer BBQ	TBD		TBD
14.	TBD	Saturday-Sunday	All day	MSBike	Ottawa-Brockville		TBD

**Notes:**

1. Monday evening weekly Nets take place at 19:00L starting on the VE3SVC repeater,
2. Coffee Klatches usually take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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*, 100-2<sup>nd</sup> Street West, Cornwall.