



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting
 May 2, 2024

Virtual portion conducted via Zoom.



Venue: St-Andrews Church Hall, 17298 County Rd 18, St Andrews West,
 Date: May 2nd, 2024
 Time: 19:00 EDT
 Present: 25 members. And 1 guest.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Grow, President (VE2EQL) 2. Hunter Racine, Vice-President (VA3HWF) 3. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV) 4. Earle DePass, Past-President (VE3IMP) 5. Doug Pearson (VE3HTR) 6. Earnest Vinson (VA3EWV) 7. Dave Tucker (VA3OPS) 8. Dan Cullen (VE2JMF) (VE3DIT) 9. Daniel Thériault (VA3SDO) 10. Steve Harvey (VE3EZB) 11. Hal Green (VE3HWG) 12. David Kearley (VA3DKZ) 13. Jason Racine (VE3PRY) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Jason Racine (VE3PRY) 15. Jamie Montroy 16. Larry Giguere (VA3RSQ) 17. Elizabeth Halliwell (VE3EZH) 18. Ed Halliwell ((VE3EAH) 19. Robert Fry (VE3ARF) 20. Joe Scott (VE3ADB) via ZOOM 21. Michel Theoret (VA3JMS) 22. Marc Tessier (VA3MHT) 23. Michael Berthiaume (VE3HRO) via ZOOM 24. David Bernard (VE3YH) via Zoom 25. Fred Leblanc (VE3FHL) via Zoom 26. Jonathan (K1RFD) via ZOOM
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1- Call to order:

Meeting called to order by John (VE2EQL) at 19:05 EST.

John congratulated **Robert Fry (VE3ARF)** for taking first position in Canada in the contest for the 75th anniversary of the **Unión de Radioaficionados Españoles**, See award in Annex II

Doug (VE3HTR) was also congratulated for receiving an award from **DMR Canada** for his long-time support to advanced communication modes and DMR. See Annex III.

Earnest VA3(EWV) was also congratulated for getting his advanced certificate in April.

2- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

The minutes of the March 27, 2024, have been circulated on March 28, 2024, and again on April 18, 2024, along with the agenda for this meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes: John (VE2EQL)

Seconded: Steve (VE3EZB)

Minutes approved unanimously.

3- Treasurer's Report

Presented by Chris (VA3CRR)

27-Mar-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814754 Memo STEVE HARVEY	\$5.00	50\50
27-Mar-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814872 Memo ROBERT FRY	\$5.00	50\50
27-Mar-2024	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 22 Cheque Date 27-Mar-2024 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101 Reference Number 843135240	-\$1,413.71	VE3SDG DR2X Repeater Purchase
30-Mar-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812289 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$7.50	50\50
04-Apr-2024	PC Banking Email Money Transfer Debit Memo The Virtual Web Expert	-\$28.25	Domain Renewal Virtual Web Expert INV# 3320
05-Apr-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812339 Memo EARNEST VINSON	\$5.00	50\50
08-Apr-2024	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 23 Cheque Date 08-Apr-2024 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101 Reference Number 841160050	-\$1,000.00	SVARC Hamfest
10-Apr-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812444 Memo ROGER BELANGER	\$35.00	2024 Renewal - RAC
20-Apr-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814950 Memo JOHN H GROW	\$35.00	Iroquois hamfest Items Sold
02-May-2024	PC Banking Remote Deposit Capture (cheque deposit) Memo #2024050339800060	\$35.00	2024 Membership - RAC
03-May-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814883 Memo ROGER BELANGER	\$65.00	New Membership – Non RAC, 50\50

Balance as of May 6, 2024

<u>General</u>	<u>Repeater</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Accessible</u>
\$1 703,82	\$3 230,14	\$4 933,96	- \$50,00	\$4 883,96
\$5,00				
\$5,00				
	-\$1 413,71			
\$7,50				
-\$28,25				
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\$35,00				
\$35,00				
\$35,00				
\$65,00				
\$868,07	\$1 816,43	\$2 684,50		\$2 634,50

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

As of May 2nd, 2024, the SVARC has 48 Members in good standing including 44 voting members.

Total Number of paid Members	49
Break-down of Paid Members	
Number of voting Members	45
Number of to be licensed Members	4
Total Number of RAC Members	30

Motion to approve the Secretary's report: Roger (VA3GBV)
Seconded: John Grow (VE2EQL)
Report approved unanimously.

5- Net Managers Report for April 2024 – Earnest (VA3EWV): 188 Check-In’s

SVARC April 2024										
April 1, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWV	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 - 442.100 - TG9 Slot 2	VA3SDG - 145.570	Total
Totals	14	0	14	0	0	5	0	5	0	38
April 8, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWV	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 - 442.100 - TG9 Slot 2	VA3SDG - 145.570	Total
Totals	14	1	12	0	0	9	0	0	0	36
April 15, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWV	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 - 442.100 - TG9 Slot 2	VA3SDG - 145.570	Total
Totals	14	1	13	0	0	7	0	0	0	35
April 22, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWV	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 - 442.100 - TG9 Slot 2	VA3SDG - 145.570	Total
Totals	11	0	8	0	0	3	0	0	0	22
April 29, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWV	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 - 442.100 - TG9 Slot 2	VA3SDG - 145.570	Total
Totals	16	1	14	5	0	7	5	4	5	57
Repeater Totals	69	3	61	5	0	31	5	9	5	188

Interested in being a Net Control Manager for a day? If so, please email earnestvinson@gmail.com

Mar 18	Mar 25	Apr 01	Apr 08	Apr 15	Apr 22	Apr 29	May 06	May 13	May 20	May 27
Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	TBA	TBA

Motion to approve the Net Manager’s report: John Grow (VE2EQL)
 Seconded: Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)
 Report approved unanimously.

6- Technical Directors Report – Doug (VE3HTR):

All 8 repeaters are now on the air.

The VE3SVC 220 MHz repeater is back on the air after replacing the controller.

The present controller is an old obsolete version which cannot be programmed, so a new one is on order and will be retrofitted when available.

Doug also explained why the St-John Ambulance venue is no longer available.

In a nutshell:

Basically we are now “persona non grata” at St-John Ambulance as the Cornwall SJA executive was disbanded and Cornwall SJA is now run by Kingston who told us that we are no longer welcome there.

In the past we were granted that privilege, mostly because we were providing them with an extensive communication network during the Raisin River Canoe Race. As they no longer support the event, they no longer need us. They also complained that we left the meeting room in disorder after our last meeting.

Motion to approve the Technical Director’s report: John (VE2EQL))

Seconded: Dave (VA3OPS)

Report approved unanimously.

7- New Venue status

Doug (VE3HTR) explained why the St-John Ambulance venue is no longer available:

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John (VE2EQL) explained that the Best Western is available at no cost provided that a significant number of participants have dinner there before the meeting. Earle mention that the present venue, St-Andrews Church Hall, availability in the future is uncertain at this point.

8- Youth Engagement Fair April 10th debrief, John (VE2EQL)

SVARC had a booth there attended by Jason (VE3PRY), Hunter (VA3HWF) and John (VE2EQL).

There was over 800 young people attending but showed more interest in their smart phone than amateur radio.

9- Raisin River Canoe Race debrief, Jason (VE3PRY)

There was a very good turn-out from the members despite poor weather.

The coordination with the EV’s needs to be improved.

The South-Glengarry Fire Department was very satisfied with the communication support provided.

The tent and white board was very appreciated, particularly in that weather.

It was suggested by Doug (VE3HTR) that using a 2 meter repeater yields poor performance from operators inside a vehicle, EV or Fire trucks. It was recommended to use VE3VSW for next year as UHF will have much better performance when operating from inside a vehicle.

It was emphasized by Earle (VE3IMP) and Doug (VE3HTR) that our role is strictly providing communication support and not to lend assistance to any person as this could lead to liability exposure.

Jason to capture lessons learned and plan for next year.

10- 2024 Year Planning:

- a. Fox Hunt (Hunter VA3HWF), Next Fox Hunt schedule for June 1st, 2024.
An email will be sent to all members to inquire as to who intends to participate.
- b. Field Day: A planning committee will be formed under the direction of Jason (VE3PRY) to:
 - i. Prepare a budget to be approved at next meeting.
 - ii. Identify a venue.
 - iii. Prepare a list of equipment required.

It was suggested that we should use club equipment as much as possible. Ed (VE3EAH) mentioned that the club has two HF transceivers available.

- c. SVARC / PRARC Ham Fest, September 28, 2024. Planning on-going. Many door prizes have been secured. Ed (VE3EAH) plans to bring 2 boxes of miscellaneous equipment to be sold with proceedings going to the club.
- d. MS Bike: Roger (VA3GBV) to contact MS Bike (Nicole Boivin, VE3GIQ).
- e. Summer BBQ: An email will be sent to all members to inquire as to who intends to participate and provide suggestions as to dates and venue.

11- 50/50 draw:

The total proceeds were \$60. The draw was won by Mitch Theoret (VE3JMS).

12- Special statement:

Jason (VE3PRY) presented apologies for the incident that occurred during the February 28, 2024, meeting.

See original written statement from Jason in Annex IV.

13- Guest Speaker: Jonathan Taylor (K1RFD) on Echolink technology.

14- Adjournment

Proposed by John (VE2EQL)
Seconded by Hunter (VA3HWF)

Motion carried at 21:03

Date, time, and place of next meeting: May 29, 2024, 7:00PM, Venue TB.,

Annex I

SVARC 2024 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: May 7, 2024

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Lead
1.	May 11, 2024	Saturday	19 h 00	Smith's Fall HamFest www.ve3rlr.ca/p/httpsgoo.html	Civitan Club 12468 ON-15, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4S4	NA
2.	May 29, 2024	Wednesday	19 h 00	Club Meeting	TBA	John VE2EQL
3.	June 1 st 2024	Saturday-	12:00 – 15:00	Fox hunt	Cornwall	Hunter VA3HWF
4.	June 22, 23, 2024	Saturday- Sunday	All day	Field Day	TBD	Jason VE3PRY
5.	TBD	Saturday	15h00 - 19h00	Summer BBQ	TBD	TBD
6.	TBD	Saturday- Sunday	All day	MS Bike	Ottawa-Brockville	Roger VA3GBV
7.	September 28, 2024	Saturday	All day	SVARC / PRARC Ham Fest prarc.tech/hamfest/	The St-Albert Community Centre 201 Principale St., St- Albert, On., K0A 3C0	John VE2EQL

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 *Best Western's*, 1515 Vincent Massey Dr, Cornwall, CA K6H 5R6.
3. Club meetings take place on the last Wednesday, of each month starting at 19:00L, at venue TBA.

Annex II
Award from the Unión de Radioaficionados Españoles
Presented to Robert Fry (VE3ARF)

75th
ANNIVERSARY

Unión de Radioaficionados
Españoles

75
Años
Creando afición
1949-2024

520
SLOTS
HF

VE3ARF

ROB FRY

In recognition of having succeeded in establishing the necessary contacts with the special stations, this award is given in the Gold category

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No. 72 WORLD	No. 5 N.AMERICA	No. 1 CANADA
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Provisional positions

Pedro Fernández
EA1YO - President

Joaquín Robles
EA4HF - Secretary

Annex III
Award from DMR Canada Presented to Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)



Annex IV
Special Statement from Jason Racine (VE3PRY)
Apologies

I AM apologising for my words & actions that occurred at the February general meeting. They were both offensive and inappropriate and I take full responsibility for them. I am truly sorry to all who witnessed it. I am ready to accept the consequences for my words and actions. I can assure you that any similar incidents ~~won't~~^{will not} occur in the future. Again, my deepest regrets to all. I AM sorry.

-Jason Racine