



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting

June 26, 2024

Virtual portion conducted via Zoom.



Venue: OPG Visiting Center, 2500 B Second Street West, Cornwall.
 Date: June 26, 2024
 Time: 19:00 EDT
 Present: 15 members

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hunter Racine, Vice-President (VA3HWF) 2. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV) 3. Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR) 4. Doug Pearson (VE3HTR) 5. Earnest Vinson (VA3EWV) 6. Daniel Thériault (VA3SDO) 7. Jason Racine (VE3PRY) 8. Dean Brush (VA3BS) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Dan Cullen (VE3DIT) 10. Rick Palmer (VA3EV) 11. Joe Scott (VE3ADB) via Zoom 12. Michel Théoret (VA3JMS) 13. Robert Fry (VE3ARF) via Zoom 14. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH) via Zoom 15. Steve Harvey (VE3EZB) via Zoom
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1- Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Hunter (VA3HWF) at 19:05 EST.

2- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

The minutes of the May 30th 2024, have been circulated on June 31st 2024, and again on June 24, 2024, along with the agenda for this meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes: Dan (VA3SDO)
 Seconded: Steve (VE3EZB)
 Minutes approved unanimously.

3- Treasurer's Report

Presented by Chris (VA3CRR)

No change since last month:

Balance as of June 26, 2024 General	Repeater	Total	Shares	Accessible
\$868.07	\$1,816.43	\$2,684.50	-\$50	\$2,634.50
+\$5.00	-\$230.52			
+\$5.00				
+\$35.00				
\$913.07	\$1,585.91	\$2,498.98	-\$50	\$2,448.98

Motion to approve the treasurer's report:

Seconded:

Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

Roger (VA3GBV)

Dan (VA3SDO)

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

As of June 26th , 2024, the SVARC has 50 Members in good standing including 46 voting members.

Total Number of paid Members	49
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Break-down of Paid Members

Number of voting Members	45
Number to be licenced Members	4
Total Number of RAC Members	30
Number of outstanding members	2

Motion to approve the secretary's report: Dan (VA3SDO)
Seconded:
Secretary's report approved unanimously.

5- Net Managers Report for June – Earnest (VA3EWW):

SVARC June 2024										
June 3, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWW	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	C4FM Fusion	Total
	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	
Totals	12	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
June 10, 2024										
Net Control : Roger Belanger - VA3GBV	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	C4FM Fusion	Total
	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	
Totals	11	3	14	1	0	6	0	0	6	41
June 17, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWW	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	C4FM Fusion	Total
	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	
Totals	11	0	7	0	0	5	0	0	0	41
June 24, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWW	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	C4FM Fusion	Total
	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	
Totals	8	0	9	3	3	4	3	3	3	36
Repeater Totals	42	3	41	4	3	15	3	3	9	123

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

June 03	June 10	June 17	June 24	July 1	July 08	July 15	July 22	July 29	Aug 05	Aug 12
Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Roger Belanger – VA3GBV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Canada Day Celebrations	TBA	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	TBA	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	TBA	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW

Motion to approve the Net Manager’s report: Dan (VA3SDO)
 Seconded: Dean (VA3BS)
 Report approved unanimously.

It was proposed to reduce the summer net activity by doing it on a no obligation basis (no net if no controller available), and no obligation to participate either.

Motion to approve the motion: Dean (VA3BS)
 Seconded: Roger (VA3GBV)
 Report approved unanimously.

6- Technical Directors Report – Doug (VE3HTR):

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 has been purchased and will be retrofitted in the near future.

A new antenna was purchased in replacement of the Diamond 200X serving both VA3SDG VHF and UHF. This antenna was quite old and weathered severely. It was felt that it should be replaced before a failure occur.

The antenna was replaced this month by Doug (VE3HTR) with the help of Dave (VA3DKZ), Dan (VE3DIT) and Roger (VA3GBV).

VA3FHA will be up-graded to install an automatic weekly reset.

Breaking News: At the time of publishing these minutes, the up grade has already been completed by Doug (VE3HTR) and Roger VA3GBV).

Motion to approve the Technical Director's report: Chris (VA3CRR)

Seconded:

Dan (VA3SDO)

Report approved unanimously.

7- Presentation of Proposed amendment to By-Laws. Daniel (VA3SDO), Steve (VE3EZB, Roger (VA3GBV)

A brief introduction was given by Dan (VA3SDO)

The Code of conduct was read by Roger (VA3GBV)

- Code of Conduct
- Disciplinary process
- Qualification of Officers of the Corporation

Members are invited to review and be prepared to discuss, amend and approve at the September 25, 2024 meeting.

The complete proposed text is attached in Annex II

8- 2024 Year Planning:

a. Field Day: Debrief (Jason (VE3PRY) and Dan (VA3SDO)

The Field-day was a great success thanks to the members that participated.

A special thanks to Earnest and Sue who graciously lend their property that is so well suited for this kind of event. You can also see Earnest's video of the event at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQbBGaC5aGo>

Thanks to the members who operated day and night to achieve the fabulous count of 1018 contacts in CW, SSB and FT8.

The North American map was almost entirely colored including Alaska, Hawaii, Virgin-Islands, Congratulation guys with a special mention to:

- Dan (VA3SDO) and Nathan,
- VA3HWF (Hunter)
- VE3PRY (Jason)
- VA3SDO (Dan T.)
- VE3DIT (Dan C.)
- VE3EZB (Steve)
- VA3BS (Dean)
- VA3RSQ (Larry)
- VE3LTN (Mike)
- VA3EWV (Earnest)
- VA3DZT (Simon)
- VE3NYZ (Renzo)
- VE3ARF (Rob)
- VE3AFV (Jim)
- VA3PAJ (Colin)
- VE3EN (Kevin)

See the colored map in Annex III

Thanks also to the other members who supported the event for set-up and take-down,

MS Bike: Nicole Boivin (VE3GIQ) Made a presentation to the Brockville club, which summarized by Roger (VA3GBV)

See Annex IV

Dan VA3SDO), Earnest (VA3EWV), Steve (VE3EXB) and Roger (VA3GBV) expressed an interest to participate.

b. SVARC/PRARC Hamfest: Hunter (VA3HWF)

The main door prize was received from Radioddity consisting of a Xiegu G-90 HF transceiver with Power Supply and accessories.

22 tables are already sold, 18 more to go.

Call for volunteers will be made during the month of August

c. Summer BBQ: This year the event will be held on August 10 at Dan (VA3SD) QTH: 4571 McGillis Road, St Andrews West.

More details to come.

9- **Adjournment**

Proposed by Dean (VA3BS))

Seconded by Roger (VA3GBV)

Motion carried at 20:55

Date, time, and place of next meeting: September 25th 2024, 7:00PM, Venue OPG Visiting Center. 2500 B, 2500 B Second Street West, Cornwall.

Annex I

SVARC 2024 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: June 29, 2024

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
1.	2024	July 6,2024	13:00 to 15:00	Fox Hunts	TBD		VA3OPS
2.	August 10	Saturday	15h00 - 19h00	Summer BBQ	TBD		TBD
3.	August 17-18, 2024	Saturday-Sunday	All day	MSBike	Ottawa-Brockville		TBD
4.	September 25, 2024	Wednesday	19h00	Club meeting	OPG Visitor Center		Jason VE3PRY
5.	September 28, 2024	Saturday	9h00 – 16h00	PRARC / SVARC Ham Fest	St. Albert Community Center or Rockland	Tom Whitterspoon POTA on QRP	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 OPG Visiting Center. 2500 B, 2500 B Second Street West, Cornwall.
- The Club does not meet in July and August. The December Christmas dinner replaces the Club meeting

Annex II



CODES OF CONDUCT FOR THE SEAWAY VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

What is the Code of Conduct?

This Code of Conduct sets out the expected behavior of all members of the SVARC, when participating in any activity or event, in-person or online. This includes, but is not limited to, members meetings, social events, interacting with other members, other amateurs, or the public while representing the SVARC.

What are the aims of this Code of Conduct?

- To protect members.
- To protect others potentially affected by members' actions.
- Ensure the highest possible standards of fairness, honesty and professional behavior.
- Reduce the risk of harm, injury, harassment and nuisance to members and the wider community.
- Create an inclusive member environment.
- Detail the actions that can be taken should the Code of Conduct be breached.

To whom does this Code apply?

- All members of the club.
- All persons officially appointed in an event (including members of other clubs).
- Spectators/supporters at an event of the club.

Terms of the Code of Conduct.

All members agree to abide by the terms outlined below:

All members must adhere to the By-laws, general rules and policies of the SVARC as they are adopted by the membership from time to time.

1. Members should not undertake any action which could bring the reputation of the Club into disrepute.
2. A member must not participate in action which might cause damage, physical or moral, to themselves or others.
3. Members must report any action that may cause or have caused damage, physical or moral, to themselves and others.
4. Members must respect the property of the Club and of other members.
5. Socials (and any related activity) must be opt-in only and have no effect on eligibility to hold membership of the Club or club officer position.
6. Members of the Club should not pressure or coerce any other member into any action with which they feel uncomfortable.
7. Members must act responsibly at all times when participating in activities and to avoid actions which could bring the group, sponsors, funders or other participating organizations into disrepute.
8. Members should be aware of how their actions may be perceived by others.
9. Members must conduct themselves in a reasonable manner relating to language, and behavior.
10. Members must treat facilities, colleagues, visitors, attendees to events with respect and abide by any rules that may apply.
11. Members must refrain from any form of harassment of others and respect the rights, dignity and values of others.
12. Members must not encourage or pressure others into acting against the Code of Conduct.
13. Members must operate within the rules, including national guidelines, which govern the activity. See the IARU: [ETHICS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE RADIO AMATEUR](#) at
14. Members must not be unduly intoxicated at any event or activity where such behavior could be deemed unacceptable or unprofessional.
15. Members must abide by the law at all times.
16. During social events, especially those involving the consumption of alcohol, to be aware of behavior and the impact on others, particularly members of the local community.
17. Members take responsibility for their own understanding of this Code of Conduct and the repercussions of any breaches and must seek further information or clarification if they are unsure about how it should be applied.

DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

When the Club becomes aware of an allegation that a member has committed an act identified below,

- Within five (5) days, the Executive shall investigate the matter and determine whether the allegation is proven or not proven.
- Should the allegation be proven, The President shall forthwith notify the member of the results of the investigation and shall provide the reasons.
- Pursuant to the notice to the member, the executive shall determine the appropriate sanction considering the seriousness of the offence.
- If the member elects to provide an oral or written submission in his defense, the Executive committee shall schedule a meeting to be held upon notification by the member to the President.
- If the member does not respond to the President within the initial five (5) day period, he shall be deemed not to be making a submission and the Board's initial determination shall be confirmed.
- A member who has been expelled may be reinstated as a member of the Club upon application to Executive committee, such application to be made not less than one (1) year after the effective date of the expulsion. The Executive committee shall, determine whether to reinstate the member. Notwithstanding such reinstatement, the member shall remain ineligible to hold any office under the Club, without the express approval of the Executive committee.
- For the purposes of this section, "office" shall mean any elected or appointed office.

The SVARC executive committee shall have the authority to sanction, suspend, expel or limit the membership of any member of the Club, or take such lesser disciplinary or administrative action as it determines to be appropriate regarding, any member, including a member who holds any office under the Club, who:

- Violates any provision of the Bylaws or the Code of Conduct of the SVARC Club, or counsels any others to violate said documents; or
- Carries out, or counsels others to carry out, any conduct which may be detrimental to the Club, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion; or

QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

All officers of the Corporation shall have the following qualifications as a minimum:

- Be a licensed radio amateur for a minimum of 2 years.
- Have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 2 years.

In addition to the above:

Candidates for the office of president shall have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 5 years, not necessarily consecutives.

Candidates for the office of vice-president shall have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 3 years, not necessarily consecutives.

Candidates for the office of Technical Director shall be a licensed Radio amateur with an advanced certificate and have an in-depth knowledge of the Club repeaters installation.

Candidates for the office of treasurer shall have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 1 year and not in a position of financial conflict.

Annex IV

MS Bike preliminary information presentation

MS Bike tour 2024

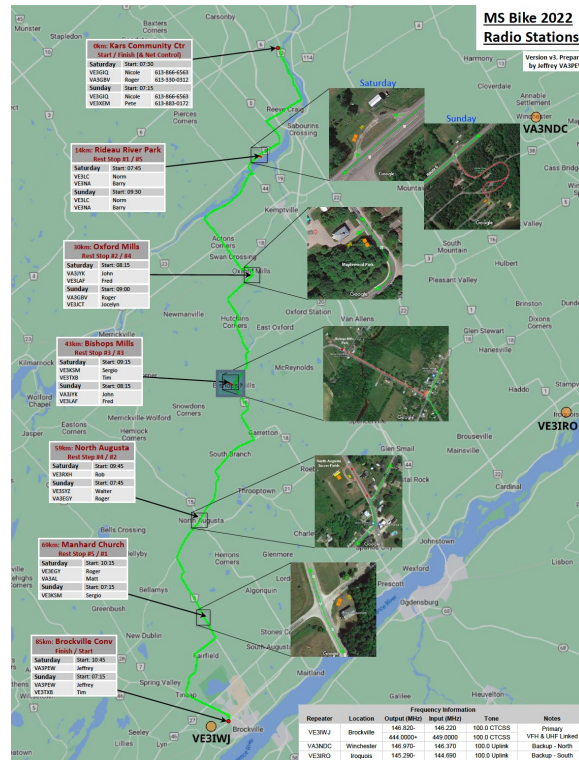
August 17-18

MS Canada Bike Ottawa to Brockville August 17-18, 2024

Contact Nicole Boivin VE3GIQ to volunteer at :

membership@ovmrc.ca

MS Bike Route Map Annotated



Details of the MS Bike Event

- We will be using APRS to track
 - APRS equipped amateurs (optional for fixed rest stops)
 - Tracking all others by cell phone
- New software will track the entire event
- Will need 8 fixed amateur locations at rest stops
- Probably 2 observers and a number of mobiles
- I will issue instructions, schedules
- An online training session all in July
- So far 8 confirmed volunteers, eg. VE3PUE,VA3DXP,VE3MB,VE3NPP

Information I will need

- Availability Sat or Sunday, or both
- Preference for fixed or mobile assignment
- APRS beaconing?
- Your cell number, in case
- I have volunteers from Ottawa and Cornwall, not yet confirmed
- Please send your info to me at: membership@ovmrc.ca

Some Photos from the 2022 MS Bike Tour...



In Conclusion

- The MS Bike Ride is a charitable fund raiser for a good cause
- Good for business in Brockville as well
- Staff and volunteers are nice
- Amateurs report they enjoy the experience
- I conduct a debrief after the event, feedback to MS
- If you volunteer, bring a camera, take lots of pictures
- Demos...

Cheers! Questions?

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