



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting

May 30, 2024

Virtual portion conducted via Zoom.



Venue: OPG Visiting Center, 2500 B Second Street West, Cornwall.
Date: May 30th, 2024
Time: 19:00 EDT
Present: 20 members. And 4 guests.

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hunter Racine, Vice-President (VA3HWF)2. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV)3. Earle DePass, Past-President (VE3IMP)4. Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR)5. Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)6. Earnest Vinson (VA3EWV)7. Daniel Thériault (VA3SDO)8. Steve Harvey (VE3EZB)9. David Kearley (VA3DKZ)10. Jason Racine (VE3PRY)11. Jim Richardson (VE3(AFV))12. Rick Bowen (VA3KCB)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">13. Murray MacDonnell (VE1LJ)14. Bev Shank15. Joe Scott (VE3ADB)16. Michel Théoret (VA3JMS)17. Marc Tessier (VA3MHT)18. John Grow (VE2EQL) via Zoom19. Robert Fry (VE3ARF) via Zoom20. Dave Tucker (VA3OPS) via Zoom21. Leo Yoshinaka (8AAT) via Zoom22. Tony Avelado via Zoom23. Dean Brush (VA3BS) via Zoom24. Dana Shtun (VE3DS) Guest speaker via Zoom.
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1- Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Hunter (VA3HWF) at 19:10 EST.

2- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

The minutes of the May 2nd 2024, have been circulated on May 3rd , 2024, and again on May 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)

07-May-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814604 Memo E EARLE DEPASS	\$5.00	50\50
07-May-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814222 Memo EARNEST VINSON	\$5.00	50\50
13-May-2024	PC Banking Email Money Transfer Debit Memo Doug Pearson	-\$230.52	X300ANA Antenna
16-May-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814518 Memo RANDALL NORDLUND	\$35.00	New Membership 2024 - RAC

Balance as of May 29, 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 minutes: Steve (VE3EZB)
 Seconded: Jason (VE3PRY)
 Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

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

As of May 30th , 2024, the SVARC has 50 Members in good standing including 46 voting members.

Total Number of paid Members	50
Break-down of Paid Members	
Number of voting Members	46
Number of to be licensed Members	4
Total Number of RAC Members	31

Motion to approve the minutes: Dan (VA3SDO)

Seconded: Rick (VA3KCB)

Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

5- Net Managers Report for April 2024 – Earnest (VA3EWW): 188 Check-In’s
 Net Manager’s Report for May 2024 – 94 Check-In’s

May 6, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWW	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	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
May 13, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWW	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	9	0	0	8	4	4	0	36
May 20, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWW	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	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
May 27, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWW	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	9	0	8	4	5	5	5	4	3	43
Repeater Totals	32	0	20	4	5	13	9	8	3	94

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 – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW
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	TBA	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	TBA	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	TBA	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	TBA	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW	TBA	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW

Motion to approve the Net Manager’s report: Chris (VA3CRR)
 Seconded: Mark (VA3MHT)
 Report approved unanimously.

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

All 8 repeaters are now on the air.

Six repeaters are Yeasu DR-2X Fusion repeaters

- VE3SVC 2 Meter
- VA3SDG VHF
- VA3SDG UHF
- VA3FHA
- VE3PGV
- VE3VSW

One repeater VA3SDG is a Motorola 8400 DMR.

One repeater is a Tytera TYT 9000D 224.180 (-) MHz

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 is quite old and weathered severely. It was felt that it should be replaced before a failure occur.

The antenna will be replaced with the new one at the earliest opportunity.

Doug (VE3HTR) took the occasion of Murray's (VE1LJ) presence at the meeting to thank him previously VE3XLJ, for negotiating a new repeater site at the South Glengarry Fire department Beaverbrook location.

Motion to approve the Technical Director's report: Joe (VE3ADB)
Seconded: Jason (VE3PRY)
Report approved unanimously.

7- **New Venue status**

The OPG (Ontario Power Generation) Visiting Center is now our baseline for members meeting for the foreseeable future.

Reservation has been submitted for June 26, 2024.

OPG has confirmed that the Visitor Center can be booked year-round.

Roger (VA3GBV) will proceed to book this venue for the fall.

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

Due to time constraints, this item will be presented at the next meeting.

The proposed amendment to the By-Laws is composed of 3 new sections:

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

The complete text is attached in Annex II

Members are invited to review and be prepared to discuss at the June 26, 2024 meeting.

9- 2024 Year Planning:

- a. Fox Hunt (Hunter VA3HWF), Next Fox Hunt schedule for June 1st, 2024. An email was sent to all members to give detailed instructions for the hunt.
- b. Field Day: A planning committee will meet Tuesday June 4th 2024 with the following agenda
 - i. Prepare a budget to be approved at next meeting.
 - ii. Identify a venue.
 - iii. Prepare a list of equipment required.

In the interim a preliminary budget of \$250 was proposed:

Motion to approve a sum of \$250 for the field day operation:

Steve (VE#EZB)

Seconded: Earle (VE3IMP)

Motion approved unanimously.

- c. MS Bike: Nicole Boivin VE3GIQ) has been contacted and is in the process of preparing detailed instructions.
- d. SVARC/PRARC Hamfest: Not discussed
- e. Summer BBQ not discussed

10- Guest Speaker: Dana Shtun: An introduction of why the 6 meters is called the Magic band.

11- Adjournment

Proposed by Hunter (VA3HWF)

Seconded by Roger (VA3GBV)

Motion carried at 21:10

Date, time, and place of next meeting: June 26, 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 28, 2024

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Lead
1.	June 1 st 2024	Saturday-	12:00 – 15:00	Fox hunt	Cornwall	Hunter VA3HWF
2.	June 22, 23, 2024	Saturday-Sunday	All day	Field Day	TBD	Jason VE3PRY
3.	TBD	Saturday	15h00 - 19h00	Summer BBQ	TBD	TBD
4.	TBD	Saturday-Sunday	All day	MS Bike	Ottawa-Brockville	Roger VA3GBV
5.	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 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.