



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting

September 25, 2024

Virtual portion conducted via Zoom.



Venue: OPG Visiting Center, 2500 B Second Street West, Cornwall.
 Date: September 25, 2024
 Time: 19:00 EDT
 Present: 14 members and 2 guests

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Grow (VE2EQL) 2. Hunter Racine, (VA3HWF) 3. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV) 4. Earle DePass, past President (VE3IMP) 5. Chris Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR) 6. Doug Pearson, Technical Director (VE3HTR) 7. Earnest Vinson, Net Manager (VA3EWV) 8. Daniel Thériault (VA3SDO) 9. Dean Brush (VA3BS) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Dan Cullen (VE3DIT) 11. Joe Scott (VE3ADB) via Zoom 12. Robert Fry (VE3ARF) via Zoom 13. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH) 14. Marshall McBride (VE3SX) 15. Joel Brisson, PRARC (VA3WBK) 16. Steve E McGrane, Guest Speaker (KM9G) via ZOOM
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1- Call to order:

Meeting called to order by John (VE2EQL) at 18:58 EST.

Guest Speaker, Steve E McGrane, (KM9G) via ZOOM was given the floor to present the Xeigu 6200 Overview Portable HF transceiver for QRP POTA events.

2- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

The minutes of the June 26th 2024, have been circulated on June 31st 2024, and again on September 17, 2024, along with the agenda for this meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes: Dan (VA3SDO)

Seconded: Dean (VA3BS)

Minutes approved unanimously.

3- Treasurer's Report

02-Jul-2024	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 24 Cheque Date 02-Jul-2024 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101 Reference Number 859111180	-\$221.21	Field Day Food
12-Jul-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813819 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$45.00	New 2024 Membership – Non RAC (Jeff Devries, VA3RQS)
09-Aug-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814394 Memo KENNETH BEATSON	\$45.00	New 2024 Membership – Non RAC
24-Aug-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813329 Memo ROGER BELANGER	\$35.00	2024 Renewal - RAC (Don Brownlee VA3NC)
30-Aug-2024	PC Banking Email Money Transfer Debit Memo Roger Belanger	-\$13.16	Registered Letter

Balance as of Sept. 24, 2024

General	Repeater	Total	Shares	Accessible
\$913.07	\$1,585.91	\$2,498.98	-\$50.00	\$2,448.98
-\$221.21				
+\$45.00				
+\$45.00				
+\$35.00				
-\$13.16				
\$803.70	\$1,585.91	\$2,389.61	-\$50.00	\$2,339.61



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Presented by Chris (VA3CRR)

Motion to approve the treasurer's report:
Seconded:
Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

Roger (VA3GBV)
Hunter (VA3HWF)

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

As of September 25 , 2024, the SVARC has 51 Members in good standing including 46 voting members.

Total Number of paid Members	51
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Break-down of Paid Members

Number of voting Members	46
Number of Basic Members	7
Number of Basic with honor Members	17
Number of Advanced Members	22
Number of members to be licenced	5
Total Number of RAC Members	30
Number of outstanding members	0

Motion to approve the secretary's report:
Seconded:
Secretary's report approved unanimously.

Earle (VE3IMP)
Hunter (VA3HWF)

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

SVARC July 2024										
July 1, 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 - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
July 8, 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 - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	8	0	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	19
July 15, 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 - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	6	1	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	14
July 22, 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 - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	6	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
July 29, 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 - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	7	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Repeater Totals	32	3	23	0	0	7	0	0	0	130
SVARC AUG 2024										
August 5, 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 - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	7	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
August 12, 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 - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	7	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	15
August 19, 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 - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
August 26, 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 - DMR Ch 9 -Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570	Total
Totals	10	1	9	8	5	6	3	4	2	48
Repeater Totals	28	2	24	8	5	9	3	4	2	85

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

Aug 05	Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26	Sept 02	Sept 09	Sept 16	Sept 23	Sept 30	Oct 07	Oct 14
Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Roger Bélanger VA3GBV	Joe Scott – VE3ADB	Earle Depass VE3IMP	TBA	TBA	TBA
Oct 21	Oct 28	Nov 04	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25	Dec 02	Dec 09	Dec 16	Dec 23	
TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Motion to approve the Net Manager’s report: Roger (VA3GBV)
 Seconded: Dan (VA3SDO)
 Report approved unanimously.

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

7 out of our 8 repeaters are operational. VE3SVC 220MHz repeater has been off the air for several week due to failure of the controller.

The controller has been replaced by a new version which will include voice and CW id.

VE3VSW repeater suffered a major power loss (≈ 15 dB) in August.

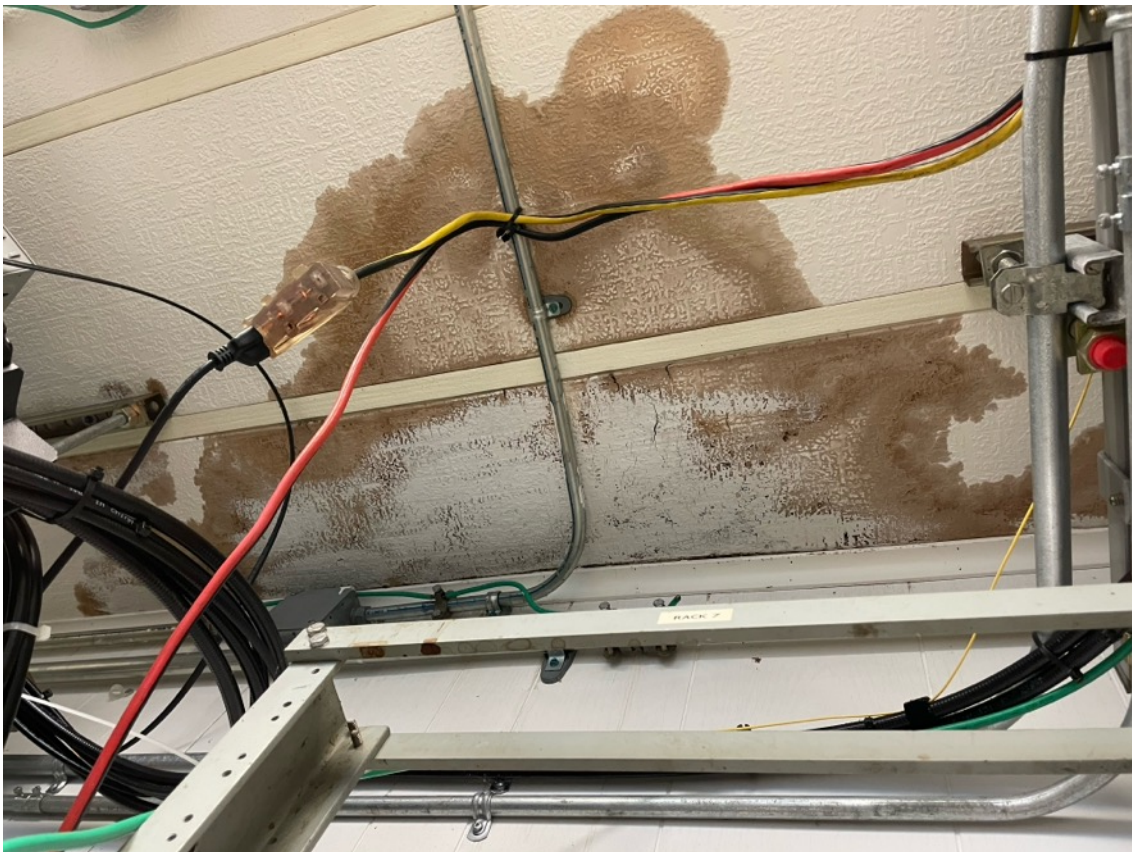
Detail trouble shooting revealed that one of the bandpass cavity was at fault.

The complete multicoupler was removed put right side up on a bench. The faulty cavity was retuned and the multi coupler was reinstalled in its initial inverted position, only to find that it was still out of tune by a similar amount.

We then notice evidence of water leak from the roof above the multicoupler and a puddle of water where the cavity was retuned.

The cavity was then by-passed leaving the multicoupler in a 3 cavity configuration which proved sufficient for the time being with the extra bonus of 1 dB less insertion loss.

See pictures below:





Motion to approve the Technical Director's report: Earle (VE3IMP)
Seconded: Dan (VA3SDO)
Report approved unanimously.

7- Venue for Saturdays Coffee Klatch

It was agreed to return to Spinner’s

Motion to approve the Spinner’s for coffee Klatches: Earle (VE3IMP)
Seconded: Earnest(VA3EWV)
Motion carried

8- Proposal for Vice-President

A nomination committee was appointed to seek nomination for vice president and newsletter editor consisting of:

Roger (VA3GBV)
Earle (VE3IMP)
Doug (VE3HTR)

Doug (VE3HTR) asked why have the VP and Newsletter editor resigned.

A short clarification was provided by Hunter (VA3HWF) stating that he resigned for personal reasons.

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

Due to lack of time, it was proposed to postpone this discussion and vote to next meeting.

Motion to postpone: Earle (VE3IMP)
Seconded: Dan (VA3SDO)
Motion carried

The complete proposed text is attached in Annex II

10- 2024 Year Planning:

- a. SVARC/PRARC Hamfest: John(VE2EQL)
The main door prize was received from Radioddity consisting of a Xiegu G-90 HF transceiver with Power Supply and accessories.
46 tables are already sold.
Call for volunteers was made.
- b. Fox Hunt October 20, 2024 (Roger (VA3GBV)).
- c. X-Mass Dinner: Best Western, November 30th at 18:00 EST. (John VE2EQL)

11- Adjournment

Proposed by Dan (VA3SDO)
Seconded by Earle (VE3IMP)
Motion carried at 20:45

Date, time, and place of next meeting: October 30th 2024, 7:00PM, Venue OPG Visiting Center. 2500 B, 2500 B Second Street West, Cornwall.

Annex I
SVARC 2024 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: October 31, 2024

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
1.	September 25, 2024	Wednesday	19h00	Club meeting	OPG Visitor Center	Tom Whitterspoon POTA on QRP	Jason VE3PRY
2.	September 28, 2024	Saturday	9h00 – 16h00	PRARC / SVARC Ham Fest	St. Albert Community Center or Rockland		John VE2EQL
3.	October 20, 2024	Sunday	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt	Meet at TIM's (Pitt and Tollgate at 12:45		Roger (VA3GBV)
4.	October 30, 2024	Saturday	17:00-21:00	X-Mass Dinner	Best Western		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 *Spinner's*, 118 Pitt St, Cornwall, ON K6J 3P4.
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.