



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting

November 27, 2024

Virtual portion conducted via Zoom.



Venue: OPG Visiting Center, 2500 B Second Street West, Cornwall.

Date: November 27, 2024

Time: 19:00 EDT

Present: 13 members

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| 1. John Grow, President (VE2EQL) | 7. Dan Cullen (VE3DIT) |
| 2. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV) | 8. Dave Tucker (VA3OPS) |
| 3. Earle DePass, past President (VE3IMP) | 9. Joe Scott (VE3ADB) via Zoom |
| 4. Chris Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR) | 10. Robert Fry (VE3ARF) via Zoom |
| 5. Doug Pearson, Technical Director (VE3HTR) | 11. Michel Berthiaume (VA3LI) via Zoom |
| 6. Earnest Vinson, Net Manager (VA3EWW) | 12. Jim Dixon (VE3XID) via Zoom |
| | 13. Steve Harvey (VE3EZB) by proxy to Roger Bélanger |

1- **Call to order:**

Meeting called to order by John (VE2EQL) at 19:01 EST.

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

The minutes of the October 30th 2024, have been circulated on November 1st and 25th, 2024.

Motion to approve the minutes: Earle (VE3IMP)

Seconded: John (VE2EQL)

Minutes approved unanimously.

3- Treasurer's Report

Balance as of November. 27, 2024

30-Oct-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813026 Memo JAMES E DIXON	\$5.00	Top up for dues
30-Oct-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813226 Memo ROGER BELANGER	\$45.00	2025 Renewal – Non RAC
30-Oct-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813237 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$35.00	Cash Received, 2025 Renewal - RAC
05-Nov-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814833 Memo STEVE HARVEY	\$50.00	2025 Renewal – RAC + Donation for repeater fund
05-Nov-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813706 Memo ROGER BELANGER	\$35.00	2025 Renewal - RAC
13-Nov-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814583 Memo Joanne Gates	\$35.00	New Member - RAC
26-Nov-2024	PC Banking Email Money Transfer Debit Memo Roger Belanger	-\$16.95	HOTY engraving

Balance as of Nov. 26, 2024

General	Repeater	Total	Shares	Accessible
\$2,834.26	\$1,585.91	\$4,420.17	-\$50.00	\$4,370.17
+\$5				
+\$45				
+\$35				
+\$35	+\$15			
+\$35				
+\$35				
-\$16.95				
\$3,007.31	\$1,600.91	\$4,608.22	-\$50.00	\$4,558.22

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Hi Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc, Your transfer to ROGER BELANGER was successfully deposited.

The \$16.95 (CAD) you sent to ROGER BELANGER has been successfully deposited.

Transfer Details

Date:

Nov 27, 2024

Reference Number:

CAnBY6gz

Message:

2024 trophy engraving

Presented by Chris (VA3CRR)

Motion to approve the treasurer's report:

Seconded:

Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

Roger (VA3GBV)

Dave (VA3OPS)

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

As of November 26, 2024, the SVARC has 50 Members in good standing including 45 voting members.

One member passed away, Bob Harmaty VE3JYD

Total Number of paid Members	50
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Break-down of Paid Members

Number of voting Members	45
Number of Basic Members	5
Number of Basic with honor Members	16
Number of Advanced Members	21
Number of members to be licenced	5
Total Number of RAC Members	29
Number of renewed members	7

Note: 2025 dues need to be paid on by February 14, 2025, latest to remain in good standing.

Motion to approve the secretary's report: Doug (VE3HTR)
Seconded: Joe (VE3ADB)
Secretary's report approved unanimously.

5- **Net Managers Report for June – Earnest (VA3EWV):**

Net Manager's Report for November – 106 Check-In's

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

Motion to approve the Net Manager's report: Roger (VA3GBV)
Seconded: Dave (VA3OPS)
Report approved unanimously.

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6- Technical Directors Report – Doug (VE3HTR):

7 out of our 8 repeaters are operational including the Bonville APRS digipeater. 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.

The FOX fail and after some trouble shooting the Bionic controller was found defective, the Bionic proprietary chip was not triggering the PTT.

Motion to approve the Technical Director's report:

Proposed: Earnest (VA3EWW)

Seconded: Earle (VE3IMP)

Report approved unanimously.

7- Special Resolution to defer annual Financial Report to the January 2025 meeting.

Motion to defer Annual Financial Report to January 29 Members meeting

Proposed: Roger (VA3GBV)

Seconded: Earle (VE3IMP)

Adopted unanimously

8- Proposal for Vice-President

Only one member submitted his candidature for the position of VP:

Earnest Vinson (VA3EWW)

Earnest was elected by acclamation

9- Resignation

Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV) resigned as Club Secretary.

The nomination committee, consisting of Earle as past VP and Earnest as present VP, will seek candidates for the position and submit names for the next Club meeting on January 29, 2025.

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

Discussion: This amendment was deemed necessary as disciplinary action and code of conduct was not addressed in our by-laws.

Motion to adopt By-Laws amendment as written in Annex II

Proposed: Earle (VE3IMP)

Seconded: Earle (VE3IMP)

Vote: Adopted unanimously

11- Fox Hunt Beacon

The FOX Beacon has failed for a second time. This time the Bionic Fox controller has failed. It is being recommended that a new integrated Fox Beacon be purchased rather than an HT and controller.

This has been proposed before but was not pursued as we had a functional beacon transmitter. This is no longer the case.

It is proposed to purchase a MicroFox PicCon USB Combo for \$175 usd shipped to Massena, NY or about \$245 cdn.

Motion to purchase MicroFox for a maximum expenditure of \$300cdn:

Proposed: Roger B. (VA3GBV)

Seconded: Earle (VE3IMP)

Vote: Motion adopted unanimously

12- 2024 Year Planning:

- a. Fox Hunt December 15, 2024 at 13:00. Earle (VE3IMP) is the lead
- b. Christmas's dinner November 30 at the Best Western See flyer in ANNEX III
- c. POTA (Park on The Air) Earnest to propose a date for the next POTA
Robert (VE3ARF) commented on the exemplar performance of Earnest in doing POTA activity devoting his lunch hour to this activity. Earnest's ability to fully deploy a portable HF station in 8 minutes and completing 60 to 70 QSO in the last 30 minute is nothing short of impressive.
Congratulation Earnest!

13- Adjournment

Proposed by John (VE2EQL)

Seconded by Roger (VA3GBV)

Motion carried at 20:01

Date, time, and place of next meeting: January 29th, 2025, 7:00PM, Venue OPG Visiting Center. 2500 B, 2500 B Second Street West, Cornwall.

Annex I
SVARC 2024 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: November 29, 2024

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
1.	November 27, 2024	Wednesday	19h00	Club meeting	OPG Visitor Center		Jason VE3PRY
2.	December 15, 2024	Sunday	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt	Meet at TIM's (Pitt and Tollgate at 12:45		Earle (VE3IMP)
3.	November 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 9:00 EST, 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.

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Christmas Dinner

(November 30th., 2024)



DETAILS

Arrive 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Best Western Parkway Inn

1515 Vincent Massey Drive,
Cornwall, ON, K6H 5R6

- We will have our own area, not shared with any other group.
- No stairs, all flat surface.
- Door Prizes
- Easy Parking
- Special Something for the Ladies
- A la Carte Menu or Selected Meals or Buffet (*Your choice of many options.*)
- White & Red Wine Supplied at no extra cost

- Video Showing of Club's past events.
- Ham of the Year Award

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Tim Smith's Memorial Award to a deserving HAM, as the SVARC Amateur of the year for his outstanding contribution to the Club for 2024.

Don't miss the upcoming video from Earnest entitled: **Year at a Glance - SVARC 2024:**

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