



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting

October 30, 2024

Virtual portion conducted via Zoom.



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

Date: October 30, 2024

Time: 19:00 EDT

Present: 11 members and 3 guests

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. John Grow (VE2EQL)2. Jason Racine, (VE3PRY)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)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Dan Cullen (VE3DIT)9. Dave Tucker (VA3OPS)10. Joe Scott (VE3ADB) via Zoom11. Robert Fry (VE3ARF) via Zoom12. Scholtyssek, Wolfgang (VA3WHS) via ZOOM13. Nordlund, Randy (VE3AX)14. Tom Witherspoon (K4SWL) Via ZOOM Guest Speaker
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1- Call to order:

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

Guest Speaker, Tom Witherspoon (K4SWL via ZOOM was given the floor to present Em-Comm Preparedness during Hellen Hurricane.

See Tom's preparedness recommendation in Annex II

2- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

The minutes of the September 25th, 2024 have been circulated on September 27 2024.

Motion to approve the minutes: Earnest (VA3EWV)

Seconded: Dan (VE3DIT)

Minutes approved unanimously.

3- Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Sept. 24, 2024

28-Sep-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814801 Memo ROGER BELANGER	\$237.00	Hamfest Table Sales
07-Oct-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814165 Memo JOHN H GROW	\$120.00	SVARC BBQ
07-Oct-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812989 Memo LANCE PETERSON	\$1,608.56	Seed Money Returned + Profit from Hamfest
24-Oct-2024	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812647 Memo JAMES E DIXON	\$30.00	2025 Renewal – RAC Member
29-Oct-2024	PC Banking Remote Deposit Capture (cheque deposit) Memo #2024102939801468	\$35.00	2025 Renewal – RAC Member

Balance as of Oct. 29, 2024

<u>General</u>	<u>Repeater</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Accessible</u>
\$803.70	\$1,585.91	\$2,389.61	-\$50.00	\$2,339.61
+\$237.00				
+\$120.00				
+\$1,608.56				
+\$30.00				
+\$35.00				
\$2,834.26	\$1,585.91	\$4,420.17	-\$50.00	\$4,370.17

Presented by Chris (VA3CRR)

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

Roger (VA3GBV)
 DOUG (VE3HTR)

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

As of October 30, 2024, the SVARC has 51 Members in good standing including 46 voting members.

Total Number of paid Members (See note)	51
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

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: CHRIS (VA3CRR)
Seconded: Dave (VA3OPS)
Secretary's report approved unanimously.

5- **Net Managers Report for June – Earnest (VA3EWV):**
 Net Manager’s Report for October 2024 – 95 Check-In’s

October 7, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWV	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 - DMR Ch 9 - Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570		
Totals	9	3	13	0	0	6	0	0	0	31
October 14, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWV	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 - DMR Ch 9 - Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570		
Totals	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
October 21, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWV	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 - DMR Ch 9 - Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570		
Totals	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
October 28, 2024										
Net Control : Earnest Vinson - VA3EWV	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 - DMR Ch 9 - Slot 2	VA3SDG - 144.570		
Totals	9	0	9	3	3	2	0	4	2	32
Repeater Totals										
	39	3	33	3	3	8	0	4	2	95

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

Oct 7	Oct 14	Oct 21	Oct 28	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16
Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	Earnest Vinson – VA3EWV	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 06	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 3
TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

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Motion to approve the Net Manager's report: Roger (VA3GBV)
Seconded: Dan (VE3DIT)
Report approved unanimously.

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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 contaminated by water from a leaking roof. That cavity was temporarily by-passed.

On October 24, Doug (VE3HTR) and Roger (VA3GBV) accessed the Bonville site and replaced the damaged cavity.

VE3VSW is now restored to full performance.

Motion to approve the Technical Director’s report: Earnest (VA3EWW)
Seconded: Earle (VE3IMP)

Report approved unanimously.

7- Proposal for Vice-President

Doug summarised the nomination committee search for a VP Candidate.

Only one member showed some interest for the position of VP: James Richardson (VE3AFV)

Unfortunately, Jim was not present at the meeting to accept or decline the nomination, so it was resolved to postpone the nomination to the AGM on November 27, 2024

Motion to approve the postponement: Earle (VE3IMP)
Seconded: Dave (VE3DIT)

Motion approved unanimously.

8- Proposal for Newsletter

Postponed to the AGM

9- Resignation

Jason Racine (VE3PRY) read his letter of resignation

See original in Annex IV

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

Postponed to the AGM

See proposed amendment in ANNEX III

11- 2024 Year Planning:

- a. Fox Hunt (Roger VA3GBV) November 3, 2024 at 13:00
- b. POTA (Park on The Air) Earnest to propose a date for the next POTA
- c. Christmas's dinner November 30 at the Best Western See flyer in ANNEX V

12- Adjournment

Proposed by Earle (VE3IMP)
Seconded by Doug (VE3HTR)
Motion carried at 20:48

Date, time, and place of next meeting: November 27th 2024, 7:00PM, Venue OPG Visiting Center. 2500 B, 2500 B Second Street West, Cornwall.

Please note that the November meeting is the AGM.

Annex I
SVARC 2024 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: November 28, 2024

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Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
1.	October 30, 2024	Wednesday	19h00	Club meeting	OPG Visitor Center	Tom Whitterspoon POTA on QRP	Jason VE3PRY
2.	November 3, 2024	Sunday	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt	Meet at TIM's (Pitt and Tollgate at 12:45		Roger (VA3GBV)
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 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

Em-Comm Preparedness

Practical Advice

Points to keep in mind preparing for a natural disaster

- Keep some cash - Credit/Debit cards may not work
- Keep potable water
- If you live in a rural remote area: you really need a chainsaw and learn to use it properly prior to a natural disaster
- Pre-plan as a community if possible - Have contact list and addresses with any notes
- Possibly no mail/parcel delivery
- Many online services require a text message for two-factor authentication. If you can't get the text, you can't log in. Many companies have no customer service to call.
- WiFi calling on your phone should be enabled prior to an event if possible. Opens options if at a public Wifi point.

Radio Notes

- Be familiar with your radio gear—know how to program—and have a list of repeaters on paper
- Invest in USB chargers for HTs and proper whip antennas
- Your HT is going to get rough treatment (chainsawing, hiking, cleanup, etc.) it's not precious
- Know how to engage frequency lock
- Dual watch/receive has been important. Monitor the repeater, monitor family/neighborhood simplex
- Keep batteries and an AM/FM radio as well

Home and Portable Power

- Propane whole house
 - Works well, but requires high-pressure propane delivery.
 - Must be turned on/off manually *properly* in order to avoid damage
- Solar
 - Replenishes on sunny days
 - On cloudy days, we had to be miserly with power consumption
 - Never had a power outage with solar

Evacuation?

- You don't always know in advance the scope of a disaster and whether or not driving to a different location in advance will get you out of harm's way, or put you into a trickier situation.
- Even in our situation—which was pretty extreme in many ways—life was beginning to normalize in about 2 weeks. If you can plan for two weeks, you're probably going to be okay.
- Heed warnings from officials especially in terms of evacuation (ie. mandatory evacuations)

Annex III



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.

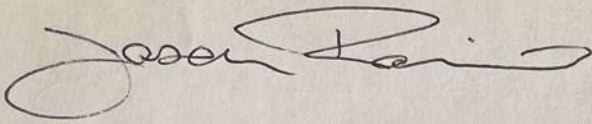
Candidates for the office of treasurer shall have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 1 year and not in a position of financial conflict.

Annex IV

Resignation letter from Jason Racine (VE3PRY)

I am formally resigning my position as event co-ordinator with SVARC effective emmediately. The reason for the resignation is that the club is not inclusive nor inviting towards it's members. I do not wish to be associated with, much less represent such a club. The zoom witch hunt conducted towards the personal life of my son, based on false accusations and rumors over social media is the deciding factor.

-Jason Racine

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Racine", written in a cursive style.

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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