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**Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 14, 2001**  
**A meeting of the Steering Committee**  
**of the United Salmon Association, Kodiak Chapter**

**Steering Committee Members in Attendance:** Matt Keplinger, Bruce Schactler, Chris Myrick; Virginia Adams and Bob Allen on the phone

**Others in Attendance:** Clint Johnson, Doug Waterbury, Erin Harrington, Administrative Assistant

**Call to Order:** 4:15

**Approval of Minutes/Approval, Addition to Agenda**

Myrick made motion to approve minutes of meetings from Feb. 21 and Feb. 28. Schactler seconds; motion carried unanimously.

Adams suggested change to agenda so discussion of CRSPA tax issues is first. Myrick moved to accept amended agenda, Schactler seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**CRSPA Tax Issue:**

Harrington reported that CRSPA has paid their legal bill less an amount they have determined USA Kodiak and USA PWS owes them for offset tax liabilities. This amount is \$4706. CRSPA has forwarded a copy of the letter sent to Joe Sullivan of Mundt MacGregor, as well as a copy of the tax schedule prepared by Liz Senear, CRSPA bookkeeper.

Adams recommended that CRSPA/USA not mix apples and oranges. She suggested that CRSPA should be asked to pay the entirety of their portion of the legal bill, and that USA/CRSPA should deal with tax liabilities within the corporation.

Schactler expressed concern that USA Statewide has been billed for the time that CRSPA bookkeeper Senear spent talking with Cindy Hulquist of Thomas, Head & Greisen while developing tax schedule.

Adams offered a motion:

A letter should be drafted to CRSPA saying the state office will not pay the rest of the legal bill as suggested. Instead USA will treat the tax issue separately. To do otherwise is contrary to generally accepted accounting practices.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Thomas Head & Greisen Tax Bill:**

Harrington reported that a TH&G bill for \$3122.45 has been received.

Adams recommended that the current bill not be paid before consulting with CRSPA over previous bills and tax liabilities.

Schactler suggested USA not pay the bill until the Association receives the breakdown of previous expenses that he requested in January.

Adams noted that USA should continue working to clean up its professional affairs with the legal firm, accounting firm, etc.

Keplinger noted that CRSPA owes USA Kodiak more money than USA Kodiak owes CRSPA.

Schactler suggests a face-to-face meeting is necessary. He recommends that USA Statewide try to meet in Anchorage in April.

Adams added that a meeting would be ideal for approaching negotiations, as well.

**Phone mail:**

Harrington requested permission to leave long distance hooked up in offices, as a backup to phone cards.

Harrington requested permission to set up voice mail for office phone (486-6899). Schactler offered motion to set up phone mail. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

**Salary discussion:**

Harrington reports that USA will not have any legal responsibilities in regards to vacation, sick leave, or other benefits if Harrington is salaried. Additionally, she reported that she meets legal requirements for a salaried employee.

Schactler moved to return salary discussion to Adams and Wischer, with Harrington.

Motion seconded and carried.

**Wesley Loy/ADN:**

Harrington reported that Wesley Loy, fisheries reporter for the Anchorage Daily News, is coming across as pro-salmon farming in his recent reporting. Harrington suggested that a meeting with editorial staff at the ADN during USA meetings in Anchorage may be in order.

Adams noted that sending a couple well-spoken individuals to talk with the editorial staff of the ADN may be useful.

**ComFish Gubernatorial Debate Broadcast Sponsorship:**

Harrington asked for input on the fact that USA had previously committed to sponsorship of radio broadcast of the Gubernatorial debate, for \$500.

Schactler suggested that we back out of sponsorship if possible. If not possible, USA should pay the \$500.

**Other:**

1. Stan Duncan: Adams suggested Harrington draft a letter to Stan Duncan asking that he renew his membership with USA, to bring himself into compliance with the USA label policy.
2. Chignik Price rumors: Schactler reported that the rumor of a 29¢ red offer in Chignik is false.

**Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 5:10**