

*Dear Brookie,*

*January 10, 2026*

*It has truly been a pleasure working with you, and on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Canoe Club, we want to send a huge thank-you as you paddle off into retirement from your role as Trip Master.*

*Especially important was how you and Dan teamed up to create an amazing annual interest survey at the start of the year—a project that is never short on details, deadlines, or head-scratching moments. Somehow, with you, it always felt manageable (and even fun). It was genuine teamwork from start to finish. Even after the survey closed, you still had plenty of behind-the-scenes work to do, and you tackled it with energy and optimism. Your ideas for improving both the look of the survey and how you worked with the results made a real difference. Your contributions—along with the lessons learned—helped the survey steadily improve year after year.*

*As Trip Master, you were our expert navigator. You brought enthusiasm, organization, and a welcoming spirit to everything you touched. You did a fantastic job assembling and executing the Permit & Planning Parties, making sure there was time not only to plan trips, but also to raft-up, socialize, and enjoy the company of fellow paddlers. Your presentations were clear, engaging, and never left anyone wondering which way was downstream. And your thorough follow-up afterward ensured no one got left eddying out in confusion.*

*You also knocked it out of the park with recruiting Trip Coordinators each year and keeping the club informed through frequent, friendly communication throughout the paddling season. Your knack for organizing local day trips made it easy for new members to jump in, feel welcome, and get hooked on paddling.*

*And then there were the trips themselves. You offered McIntosh Lake outings, and gave many special memories from the Green River trip that you and Lindsay led. Those trips perfectly captured your style—well-organized, fun, and full of good company.*

*Brookie, you seem to have boundless energy, an impressive talent for herding paddlers, and a gift for making the club feel like a community. Thank you for everything you've done for the Rocky Mountain Canoe Club.*

*Long may you paddle—preferably with smooth lines, friendly eddies, and stories worth telling at the take-out.*

*With big smiles and deep appreciation,*

*The Board and Membership of the Rocky Mountain Canoe Club*

