

Dear Kathryn,

January 10, 2026

*On behalf of the Rocky Mountain Canoe Club, we want to send an enormous thank you for your eight years of outstanding leadership as Club President. Your impact on our paddling community has been nothing short of amazing—and our boating (and spreadsheets) are better for it!*

*From opening doors for underserved groups through programs like New Treks and Diversify Whitewater, you've helped many people discover the joy, challenge, and occasional splash that come with time on the water. Thanks to your vision, RMCC has grown into a more welcoming, inclusive, and connected community.*

*You've also been a fantastic ambassador for the club beyond our own eddies. Your collaboration with other paddling clubs, outdoor organizations, and conservation groups has raised RMCC's profile and built partnerships that will keep paying dividends for years to come. From helping launch the Otter Award to rolling up your sleeves at clean-up events, you led by example.*

*Kathryn, you provided calm, dependable leadership in every corner of the job. From a board member's perspective, working with you made club business feel manageable—and sometimes even fun! Whenever an executive decision was needed on the website, for example, you always gave it thoughtful consideration and often improved the idea with suggestions of your own. Your requests for website changes were clear, reasonable, and always polite, which made teamwork feel less like work and more like a good paddle with friends.*

*Then there was the adventure known as "online dues." When we decided to collect membership dues online and discovered that PayPal wanted us officially registered with the IRS (collective groan), you took the lead. While the rest of us tried not to think about tax forms, you successfully navigated the IRS process, reestablished RMCC as a nonprofit, and set up our PayPal account. That feat alone deserves serious applause—and our lasting gratitude.*

*Perhaps most importantly, you've had a gift for sharing responsibility and empowering others. Whether coordinating big events like the All-Club Paddle and Rendezvous or jumping in as a Trip Coordinator, you encouraged new leaders and built a culture of teamwork that has made RMCC stronger, more resilient, and ready for whatever river comes next.*

*As you retire from your role as President, please know how deeply grateful we are for the boundless energy, encouragement, and heart you have brought to the club. Your legacy is woven into our trips, our community, and the future of paddling in our region.*

*We hope retirement from this role brings you more time to paddle, connect, and enjoy the waters you've done so much to protect and share. We look forward to many more miles with you.*

*With heartfelt thanks,*

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

