

**SECRETARY REPORT**  
**September 11th, 2023**

Hi Everyone! We would like to welcome our new members Steve Taylor, Evansville, IN; Clinton Schlepp, Wray, CO; Bob Carochi, Canon City, CO; Amanda Alden, Canon City, CO; Amy Dawn Bourlon-Hilterbran, Florence, CO; Dan Shepherd, Pueblo West, CO; Larry Holjencin, Canon City, CO; Larry Russell, Mancos, CO; Nolan Tappenden, Mancos, CO; Alexander Walker, Salida, CO; Ty Patee, Ellis, KS.

Our Outdoorsman Days/Convention that was held over August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Florence, CO was a huge success! The Banquet was sold out and the people that came and participated were there to support the cause and make it a big money maker for the associations. This way we can continue to support Conservation and Education and have the funding to do so. I would like to give a shout out to members Roger Miller, Steven Hugel and Will Prator for all the help before the event and during the event. They stepped up and helped out which was greatly appreciated! Thank you!!! Thank you to the members that traveled either from out of state or quite a distance to participate and of course to our Board Members that came and helped out. Also, Ethan and his wife Kara Gates for donating most of the week before, during and after to help pull off this huge event and make it successful. Thank you! We will have the Outdoorsman Days/Convention next year in the same spot Pathfinder Regional Park, Florence, CO, AUGUST 9TH & 10TH, 2024. SAVE THE DATE AND MAKE YOUR PLANS EARLY TO ATTEND! DON'T MISS OUT! COME AND SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION.

Our Annual Board/Membership Meeting was held on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. An update was given either oral or by written reports that was completed by Board Members. Elections were held and Adam Warren was elected as Vice-President; I Karen Gates was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Kristi Bryan re-elected as SW Regional Director and Naomi Hersh was re-elected as NE Regional Director.

I would like to remind everyone, please continue signing up New Memberships. This has always been important but especially now.

Please make sure if you have an email address, I have it. I also need a current phone number. This is the only way we are keeping our membership up to date with the current information and events on a timely fashion because of the rising costs of printing and postage and the unreliability of delivery of mail and the inability to communicate immediately. We will only send out hard copies when absolutely necessary but you are liable to miss out on important information and dates. So if you want to be kept in the loop make sure I have your correct EMAIL Address. We now have PayPal up and running on the Coloradotrapp.com website. You can renew your Membership or Join our association. We also have merchandise that is available for purchase. This tool has been very effective and efficient so far. Please make sure you continue to checkout the website for updated information. This will be the most current.

Please let me know if you have an address, email or phone number change, that way I can make sure I have the correct information. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 719 275-4077 or [office@coltpha.com](mailto:office@coltpha.com).

Karen Gates  
Secretary/Treasurer

