

2024 was a challenging year, possibly our most challenging yet. Like other communities, we faced challenges with volunteer turnout, memberships, and overall engagement. This year has made it evident that the post covid era of sport looks much different and requires us to take a step back and look at our future plans.

In 2024 the board met to put together a strategic plan which set up a plan for the next 10 years. We worked with local trail builders to devise a plan to prioritise and seek approval for 20 trail projects requiring work. We put forward a pilot project for signage with the City of Saskatoon and Meewasin. Lastly, we completed our second phase of the Slytherin reroute.

The 2024 season has made it clear that what we are doing is not working. Volunteer and membership numbers were significantly down, but expectations of the trail community remained high. We are entering a pivotal moment and the membership needs to decide on the direction.

As we move into 2025 we need to reprioritize. Our board will be scaling back to focus on the critical pieces of our organization. This pivot will leave holes which the membership must fill in order to meet the expectations of the community.

As always, I am very proud of this board. We have fought through incredibly tough times and came out looking forward and learning from our mistakes. I want to thank everyone on the board for the contributions and thank them for persisting through difficult times.

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