

Planning Report August 2021- Bob Hommel

This report is being presented to the Executive Committee for discussion via email and possible votes regarding WAGS for 2021, and the Clinic/HOD weekend in October.

The Competition calendar for 2022 is almost ready for publication, tentative information has been received from USA Swimming, and we are waiting on some of our committees to provide dates for their respective local meet schedules. When the Calendar is finalized and approved, we can go to bid for those meet dates.

Regarding 2021 WAGS, 3 hosts expressed interest- RAA, GWSC, and SCAT. **I will seek BOD approval to award and announce these teams as hosts for 2021**, with time standards from 2019, pending approval of the Age Committees recommendations.

Details and format for the Fall Clinic and SCS HOD need to be finalized. The recent “Delta variant wave” and new mask and vaccine mandates for indoors activities in certain counties leads me to suggest that **we go “Virtual” for the HOD**, and postpone the clinic portion. The Officials have already taken that direction, and there is mixed interest from the Coaches, with a preference for in-person for a Clinic, although complications with getting a speaker, and speculating on how many will actually attend, leads me to **propose postponement**.

The concept of Free Weekends, and which weekends or meets should be granted priorities or protection, remains as a TBD for the LSC. Attendance disparities at some meets over the summer demonstrated that coordination between events could/would be beneficial, and is in conflict with the Free Market concept that some within the LSC would prefer.