***Summary*:**

This proposal would replace the current concept of Host Clubs for LSC Championship meets, with a standing committee charged with organizing the meets. This change would be accomplished through amendments to the P&P Manual.

***Rationale*:**

The LSC Championship Meets “belong” to the entire LSC, yet the practice of having a Host Club organize and conduct these meets runs counter to that principle. While clubs have sought to host these meets for the perceived benefits to that club, hosting is a great burden on a single club.

On three occasions in the last fourteen years, pool closures forced a Championship meet to be organized and conducted without a Host Club. These three meets stand as evidence of the increased camaraderie within the LSC and the lighter burden distributed among several clubs when it is truly a LSC meet.

***Proposed Amendments to the P&P Manual* (effective beginning with 2021 Winter Championship)**

**IV. WSI Championship Meets**

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 C. ~~HOST CLUB~~ MEET ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. The Administrative Vice Chair, the Senior Chair, the Age Group Chair, and one WSI athlete member appointed by the General Chair shall constitute the Championship Meet Organizing Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for coordination and assignment of WSI Clubs and non-athlete members to conduct the meets. The Administrative Vice Chair shall convene the Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the meet.

2. The Committee shall solicit and select WSI Clubs and/or individual non-athlete members to perform the following duties:

 a. Meet Director

 b. Assistant Meet Director

 c, Timer System Operators

 d. Computer Operators

 e. Public Address Announcers

 f. Concessions

 g. Hospitality

 h. Programs

 i. Swim Store

 k. Silk Screen Apparel

 l. Awards

 m. Marshals

 n. Set-Up and Break-Down Crews

3. The Committee may solicit and select trainees to work along side of the principals to learn the duties of any of the positions listed in IV.C.2.

~~1. The Host Club shall be determined each year by vote of the HOD. Bids to host the Winter and Summer State Meets shall be submitted to the General Chair and the Age Group Vice-Chair at least 14 days prior to the Summer HOD meeting. Bids shall include written confirmation of pool availability from the pool administrator for the date.~~

~~2. The Age Group Vice-Chair shall distribute to each WSI club a list of bidders together with any information provided by the bidders. Absentee ballots may be submitted to the General Chair for those clubs not attending the summer HOD meeting.~~

D. REVENUES AND EXPENSES~~; DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES~~

1. The Committee, in consultation with the Treasurer, shall approve all expenditures and account for all revenues for the meets.

2. The Committee may approve a stipend for performance of duties listed in IV.C.2.

~~1. WSI shall pay a stipend of $6000 to the Host Club thirty (30) days in advance of a State Meet. The Host Club shall be responsible for:~~

~~a. Facility Charges~~

~~b. All printing charges related to programs and heat sheets~~

~~c. Office and administrative supplies~~

~~d. All expenses related to money raising activities such as t-shirts and concessions.~~

~~e. The Host Club shall retain income from concessions, t-shirts and other fundraising activities as well as, advertisement money, any remaining balance of the stipend and one-half (1/2) of the program sales.~~

~~2. WSI is responsible for:~~

~~a. Awards (which shall remain consistent from year to year), however, the Host Club shall place the order for the awards with the vendor.~~

 ~~b. WSI shall retain all income from entry fees and one-half (½) of the program sales.~~

 3. If WSI Clubs choose to host a designated “B” Championship meet, WSI shall provide awards to the club. The club will be responsible for all expenses related to the meet and will retain all income from entry fees and any fundraising activities. (move to IV,T.)

E. MEET REFEREE ~~AND MEET DIRECTOR~~

The Officials Chair or his/her designee shall be the Meet Referee. The Meet Referee shall designate the Administrative Officials, Deck Referees, and Starters. ~~The Meet Director shall be provided by the Host Club and must be a non-athlete member of USA Swimming.~~

F. SANCTION COMMITTEE

The Age Group Vice-Chair, the Meet Referee, and the Sanctions Chair shall prepare the Meet Announcement and the Meet Schedule at least ~~ninety (90)~~ seventy-five (75) days before the start of the meet. The Committee shall provide WSI Clubs ~~are to receive~~ this material at least thirty (30) days before the start of the meet. There is no sanction fee for the LSC Championship Meets.

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 L. ENTRY TIMES, DEADLINES, FEES

1. The ~~Host Club~~ Meet Director may specify whether yard or meter, short or long course times are to be submitted. If a qualifying time occurred in a different length pool than the one specified, the qualifying time of the swimmer shall be entered without conversion. After the ~~Host Club~~ Meet Director has verified the entry times, the “Hytek” conversion procedure shall be used to convert times to the same course for seeding purposes.

The date and location of the meet where the qualifying time was swum must be provided with the entry form for each entry. Failure to do so before the first event of the meet will prevent the swimmer from swimming in the events where the date and location are not provided.

The ~~Host Club~~ Meet Director will provide the appropriate entry forms for the computer software being used for the meet and will designate to whom the entries and entry fees are to be sent. The name, address and phone number of this individual are to be given.

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O. MEET SCHEDULE

1. At least one (1) hour will be allowed for warm‑up before all sessions, including the evening finals. The schedule for individual teams will be determined by the ~~Host Club~~ Meet Director and included in the program for the meet. The ~~Host Club~~ Meet Director will inform out-of-town clubs of their warm-up schedule for the first day of the meet in time for them to arrange their travel schedule.

2. Warm-ups for finals on Sunday of state meets shall start immediately after last heat of the morning preliminary session.

3. Preliminaries for all age groups will be swum as one session, unless the ~~Host Club~~ Committee determines a different ~~has presented a split session~~ format ~~in its bid for the State Meet~~.

4. The start time for finals for 10 and up will be estimated by the ~~Host Club~~ Meet Director and included in the Meet Announcement.

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T. B-CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

If clubs choose to host a designated “B” Championship meet, WSI shall provide awards to the club. The club will be responsible for all expenses related to the meet and will retain all income from entry fees and any fundraising activities.