

MANASQUAN TOURISM COMMISSION MINUTES

MEETING JANUARY 7, 2013

The meeting (held at Squan Tavern) was opened at 6:15 pm by Chairman Ray Summers.

There were 13 members present.

Ray thanked everyone for their work in 2012 and reviewed the year's events. He related that all the Tourism and town's events went well, especially the 125th anniversary. Michael Mangan thanked Ray for his exemplary work.

Nominations for 2013 officers: Ray Summers, Chairman, Carmen Triggiano, Vice Chairman, Penny Hamilton, Secretary, Barbara Ilaria, Treasurer. Joe Bossone made a motion to accept the nominations. Dominic Bossone seconded - Motion passed.

Chairman Summers related that 2013 will be a challenging year. Aside from our regular events, Tourism should plan to do some special events that would help our town, especially in the recovery process from Sandy, since visitors may be less. Gregg Olivera stated that we may not expect as many donations as in previous years. Michael Mangan suggested we do widespread advertisement to make people aware that the beach will be open and we are ready to go. He suggested that the realtors may have an idea as the best areas to advertise in. This may also help with donations. Borough Administrator Joe Delorio suggested advertising through the media that we will be ready.

Some dates were set for the activities for the upcoming year - Memorial Day Celebration (Sat. 5/25/13 rain: sun. 5/26/13). Fourth of July Celebration (Fri. 7/5/13 rain: Sat. 7/6/13). Concerts - Memorial Day Celebration, Fourth of July Celebration and Labor Day Celebration - three Thursday night concerts in July - 7/11/13, 7/18/13 and 7/25/13 - In August - 8/8/13, 8/15/13 and 8/22/13. Canoe Race - Sat. 8/10/13 rain: Sun. 8/11/13 (**these dates were changed at the February 21st meeting since they conflicted with Big Sea Day**). Pizza eating contest Thurs. 7/11/13 Rain: Thurs. 7/18/13 - possible to be held at the Inlet Beach this year. Sand Castle Tournament will be held in conjunction with Big Sea Day. Labor Day Celebration - Sat. 8/31/13 rain: Sun. 9/1/13.

Gregg Olivera suggested that, if we do not receive the regular donations for fireworks, maybe local contractors could assist in donating. It was also suggested that tourism approach Council and see if we could get permission to sell "glow sticks", etc. on the beach during the concerts previous to the fireworks displays. There was much discussion regarding this and it was decided to discuss it further at a later meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.