

Supreme Scratch
2006 National Convention in Quinzee, MA
August 9, 2006

At approximately 0800 hours, the nits and crawlers started the interesting procedure of becoming a flea. We had a welcomed surprise at 0845 hours; the dogs going for their pedigree came through the FLEA HOUSE to go through the de-fleaing process by our beautiful bar wenches.

BF Jean Lent brought the scratch to order to take care of the business at hand. Holy Flea, Karen Washabaugh was requested to hop forward, open the Bible, read the opening prayer and closed the Bible. Cmdt Frank Kish was brought into our Scratch and he address all present, thanking everyone for all we do for the League and Devil Dogs. Frank's buddy, George Ross has cancer and was not here but Frank will be giving the flea pin to George when he gets home.

Police Flea, Barbara Nobile brought the new nits and crawlers up to serenade Madame Big Flea. She proceeded to give the oath of obligation to all the nits and crawlers accepting them into the National Hide.

Medium Flea, Sadie Smiley, and Merveena Wing, Little Flea, performed their parts well.

Madame Big Flea recognized all the Past Big Fleas present in the room.

Before roll call, Scratchy Flea paid \$10.00 so no one would fine her so she could do her required duties.

Roll Call was taken by Scratchy Flea Tracey Killinger.

Big Flea – Jean Lent
Little Flea – Merveena Wing
Scrappy Flea – Inda Adams
Police Flea – Barbara Nobile
Waggy Flea – Janet Voltaggio
(Absent)
Trusty Flea #1 – Ruth Moyse
Trusty Flea #3 – Lois Payne
Shopper Flea – Marie Williams

Medium Flea – Sadie Smiley
Smart Flea – Alice Blackford
Holy Flea – Karen Washabaugh
Studios Flea – Mary Pitts (Absent)
No Name Flea – Darlene Graham

Trusty Flea #2 – Rosemary Foster
Scratchy Flea – Tracey Killinger

Minutes – Minutes of the 2005 Scratch in Cleveland were read and approved.

Committee reports: (Who's on a committee?????)

Bills: Past Big Flea Cynthia Marshall presented a bill for the Plaques (\$48.86), which I think I'll pay sometime when I get home. Big Flea Jean Lent presented two bills, \$31.37 for crackers, and \$88.50 for fun items for the Scratch.

We took in 12 new fleas along with "de-fleaing" around 120 Devil Dogs. Through all the efforts of the new initiates, dues, applications fees, donations, flea-bit stickers, fines and passport stamps and the check from Marie Williams, we have raised this year, \$2,839.28. Eileen Canright got a lot of applause due to the fact that she raised \$633.00 herself in selling patches and etc.

Auditors (Ruth Moyse, Rosemary Foster and Lois Payne) noted that the Scratchy Flea did another fine job and keeping our bills paid and donations taken care of.

We had two mangy mutts from the Growl, which were chained and ready for MBF's slave duties or whatever she could come up with. They did need some discipline so she gave a few orders and then fined them each 5 big bones.

Chief Garland came to our Scratch and he was asked the big questions of the day "Where's the big stick?" A good response was received from him as well as the fleas in the room. He thanked all for our support and fun over the past year and hopes that it will continue. He said that he will be presenting the fleas with a donation at Mid-Winter. He also stated that his goal for next year is to present the DD donation of \$20,000 to a local hospital in Albuquerque.

Bob Lent was escorted into the room so Madame BF could thank and pester him a bit. She made him a horary flea "Robina Lent". Gave him a kiss and said goodbye till later...

Old Business: Merveena Wing discussed the MODDF constitution and bylaws. All looked over them and a discussion was held on a few items. PBF Deborah Evans made a motion to switch Sections 4 & 5, seconded by Glenda Travis. All agreed and Motion passed. Eileen Canright made a motion to accept Article 3, Section 9 as changed, seconded by Deborah Evans. All agreed and Motion passed. Karen Washabaugh and Gloria Howard made a motion to remove Article 8, Section 4, this was seconded by Deborah Evans and Jean Creedon, discussion was held and guess what... motion was defeated. There was much discussion on the Prayer. Jean Creedon made a motion to use the wording "Almighty God", seconded by Inda Adams. All agreed and the motion passed. Karen Washabaugh moved that the opening/closing prayer be approved with changes. All agreed and the motion passed. I think the Flea Constitution and Bylaws are FINALLY going to final print.

After all the "BS" business, Madame Big Flea asked the Scratchy Flea how good our finances were and how much money could be donated. Her reply was "I don't know, around \$3,600." Then the race was on... all kinds of fleas came running out of the woodwork to the microphone with names of places to donate and the amounts.

Below are the places we will be donating to this year. (These checks will be mailed shortly!!!)

Leatherneck Foundation	\$800.00
St. Jude's Hospital	\$100.00
VA Medical Center (West Palm Beach, FL)	\$100.00
Pancreatic Cancer Research	\$200.00 (Honor of John Moyse)
Marine Corps League Foundation	\$500.00 (Scholarship Fund)
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation	\$200.00
MCLA Memorial Fund	\$400.00 (\$100.00 Memory of Shipp)
Operation Little Angels	\$500.00
Marines Helping Marines	\$300.00
James A. Haley Veterans Hospital	\$100.00 (Memory of Joan Gallagher)
Saginaw Michigan VA Hospital	\$300.00 (Memory of Aleda E. Lutz)
Quilts of Valor	\$100.00

Glenda Travis gave each Flea present at the Scratch a memory ribbon of the Scratch held here in "Quinzee".

PBF Shirley Keyes made a motion, seconded by Gloria Howard to donate \$500.00 toward the Big Flea and to continue to carry this forward. Reason being that the Big Flea for years hasn't gotten recognized like the Chief Devil Dogs. All agreed and motion passed.

We moved on to the election and installation of the new officers for 2007 year. Below is the slate of officers for the 2007 National Flea Hide.

Big Flea – Sadie Smiley
Little Flea – Alice Blackford
Scrappy Flea – Karen Washabaugh
Police Flea – Janet Voltaggio
Waggy Flea – Rosemary Foster
Trusty Flea #1 – Gloria Roman
Trusty Flea #3 – Glenda Travis
Shopper Flea – Marie Williams

Medium Flea – Merveena Wing
Smart Flea – Inda Adams
Holy Flea – Barbara Nobile
Studios Flea – Ruth Moyses
No Name Flea – Lois Payne
Trusty Flea #2 – Teresa Sarapata
Scratchy Flea – Tracey Killinger

Madame Big Flea received her PBF medallion. She installed the new officers and the Scratch was turned over to the New BF Sadie Smiley... (Good Luck Sadie!!!!) The Holy Flea closed the Bible and we all sang the Flea Song. The Scratch was closed to reopen Wednesday morning, during the 2007 MCL/MCLA convention in Albuquerque, NM.

Tracey G. Killinger
National Scratchy Flea