

Supreme Scratch  
2008 National Convention in Orlando, FL  
August 13, 2008

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 beautifully dressed initiation committee members along with other helping fleas.

BF Merveena Wing brought the scratch to order to take care of the business at hand at 1003. Holy Flea, Janet Voltaggio was requested to hop forward, open the Bible, read the opening prayer and then close the Bible.

A motion was made by Barbara Nobile, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roslyn Smith for all to pay \$1.00 to stop scratching. Motion carried and all paid!

The new nits and crawlers were brought up front to MBF and she proceeded to give the oath of obligation to all the nits and crawlers accepting them into the National Hide.

Medium Flea, Alice Blackford and Little Flea, Inda Adams performed their duties.

MBF Merveena took a minute to recognize the PBFs in the room.

A motion was made by Smart Flea (Karen Washabaugh) to accept the new initiates into the National Hide; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by a whole lot of fleas in the room. Motion carried! (Hey don't you think that this should be done before the Big flea gives them their oath????)

Before roll call, Scratchy Flea paid \$10.00 so she could be left alone to take care of doing her job in a proper, correct manner (this never works but I was left alone for a little while).

Roll Call was taken by Scratchy Flea Tracey Killinger.

Big Flea – Merveena Wing (Pres)	Medium Flea – Alice Blackford (Pres)
Little Flea – Inda Adams (Pres)	Smart Flea – Karen Washabaugh (Pres)
Scrappy Flea – Barbara Nobile (Pres)	Holy Flea – Janet Voltaggio (Pres)
Police Flea – Rosemary Foster (Pres)	Studios Flea – Lois Payne (Pres)
Waggy Flea – Teresa Sarapata (Pres)	No Name Flea – Glenda Travis (Pres)
Trusty Flea #1 – Colleen English (Pres)	Trusty Flea #2 – Pat Engel (Pres)
Trusty Flea #3 – Deb Kruger (Pres)	Scratchy Flea – Tracey Killinger (Pres)
Shopper Flea – Marie Williams (Pres)	

Minutes – Minutes of the 2007 Scratch in Albuquerque, NM were not read but were available if anyone wanted to read them. (I don't know why they didn't want them read but they are placed on the FLEA webpage for your viewing pleasure if you like).

Bills: I only have one bill that I'm aware of and that is for the Flea of the year plaque for \$50.48 that will be paid to Cynthia Marshall since she had already paid for it herself.

Alice Blackford got up and quieted the room down a little bit, this scratch was out of control... not that they aren't normally but for some reason (must be the air in Florida) this one was more out of control than most.

MBF Merveena has placed all of our forms onto a cd. Glenda Travis made a motion for her to make copies of the cd and to sell them in the future, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roslyn Smith. All were in favor.

The trustees got together and audited the Scratchy Flea's books! Everything was great!

Old Business and New Business: None!

Before we started to announce the places that we wanted our donations to go to, there was a discussion brought up by Deb Pierson. She feels that the giving to charities picked should be given to the LOCAL area of the convention. Also discussed was a limit for the amount of money spent towards each organization. They want the amount limited to \$200.00 each so that more organizations could be given to. A motion was made by Glenda Travis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Smith to limit each donation to \$200.00 to each place.

Below are the places we are donating to this year.

West Palm Beach VA	200.00
Leatherneck Foundation	200.00
OLA (Harbor House)	200.00
MCLA (General Fund)	200.00
James A Healy Hospital	200.00
Cheyenne VAMC	200.00
Hampton VA Hospital	200.00
Athena House (Tampa FL)	200.00
Fisher House	200.00
VA Center (Jefferson City)	200.00
VAMC Lake City	200.00
Young Marines (MD)	200.00
VA Medical Center (Albany NY)	200.00
Gold Star Mother (Nat'l Org)	200.00
Denver VAMC	200.00
Harry S. Truman Veterans Memorial Hospital	200.00
Vancouver Medical Center	200.00

The Bible was opened and we moved on to the election and installation of the new officers for the 2009 year. Below is the slate of officers:

Big Flea – Alice Blackford	Medium Flea – Inda Adams
Little Flea – Karen Washabaugh	Smart Flea – Barbara Nobile
Scrappy Flea – Janet Voltaggio	Holy Flea – Rosemary Foster
Police Flea – Lois Payne	Studios Flea – Teresa Sarapata
Waggy Flea – Glenda Travis	No Name Flea – Colleen English
Trusty Flea #1 – Patricia Engel	Trusty Flea #2 – Deb Kruger
Trusty Flea #3 – Rogene Hackbarth	Scratchy Flea – Tracey Killinger
Shopper Flea – Marine Williams	

MPBF Merveena Wing received her medallion from BF Alice Blackford. Barbara Nobile led all in the Flea Hymn. Janet Voltaggio closed the Bible and the scratch was turned over to the New BF Alice Blackford for the closing according to our ritual. The Scratch was closed to reopen Wednesday morning, 5 August 2009 at the convention in Rochester, MN.

Tracey G. Killinger  
National Scratchy Flea