

Supreme Scratch
2009 National Convention in Rochester, MN
August 5, 2009

Everyone met around 0800 to be present in the room to participate in the dogs going through the de-fleaing process. We had approximately 80 dogs and they all had a ball. Even Chief DD Laurel Hull visited us. Here is a picture of Actg MBF Adams, and CDD Laurel Hull having a good time.



After all the dogs left, at approximately 0945, the initiation team took “care of” the new nits and crawlers moving up to become a prestigious flea. There were 18 in attendance.

Actg MBF Adams ran the scratch due to the absence of MBF Alice Blackford. She brought the scratch to order (oh boy... you really think that happened). Actg MBF Adams asked Actg Holy Flea, Colleen English to hop on up and open the Bible, read the opening prayer and then close the Bible.

A motion was made by Dotty Sanning, 2nd by Janet Voltaggio to pay \$1.00 to stop scratching; all were in favor, motion carried and all paid!!!!

Actg Medium Flea Karen Washabaugh and Actg Little Flea, Barbara Nobile, performed their duties, (I can't remember what that was, but I'm sure they did it).

Before Roll Call, I did my normal thing and paid \$10.00 so that all the crazy fleas would let me be to do the scratching, but as usual it didn't work this year either!

Tracey Killinger, Nat'l Scratchy Flea, (me) proceeded to take roll call. See below!

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

After roll call I proceeded to state that I would read the minutes from the last meeting but they all said I didn't have to. The scratchings are put in the book and also placed on the Flea Webpage; www.nationalmoddfleas.org for your viewing pleasure.

Bills: I received one bill from Cindy Marshall, but this is an every year expense type of thing for the Flea of the Year plaque and is ALWAYS paid, no questions!!!!

I took this time to bring something up on the floor. Colleen English spent a lot of time and money for preparing and getting supplies for the little survival kit bags that the initiates sold. I would like to see her get some type of reimbursement for this. Actg Medium Flea Karen Washabaugh made a motion, 2nd by Jackie Hunter to give Colleen \$200.00. Vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

The new nits/crawlers were brought up front to Actg MBF Adams as she proceeded to give the oath of obligation and accepting them into the National Hide as full-fledged fleas.

The Trusty Fleas, Pat Engel, Rogene Hackbarth along with "Trainee Flea" Pat Bulger (Deb Kruger was absent) got together and audited the Scratchy Flea's books! Everything was good!

We proceeded on to hold our CAP contest. MBF Alice Blackford had sent two prizes to be given out. (1) Best Cap [won by Jean Lawrence] and (2) Top seller of the new initiates [won by Lynda Hartwick].

Barbara Nobile (Initiation team) presented a few little gifts out for extra special acts.

Old Business and New Business: We held a discussion of passport pictures. It was decided that it needs to be a picture of YOU, not a drawn stick figure or animal. You probably have a lot of pictures to choose from, Baby pictures to the Present, you can surely find one you would like in your passport. Starting and the end of this scratch, a fine will be assessed if no photo is in your passport.

I, Tracey Killinger had the honor of presenting the past Flea of the Year recipients their Blue tassel. Now when you see a blue tassel hanging from a flea collar you will know that they have been a past Flea of the Year. Those presented to were Marie Williams, Barbara Nobile, Cindy Marshall (gave Shirley Keyes to Cindy to give to her) and Bea Georgopolous. I have a few more to give out when I see them in person.

Below are the places we are donating to this year.

West Palm Beach VA Center	\$100.00
Haley House Fund	\$200.00
Leatherneck Foundation	\$200.00
Auxiliary's Memorial Fund	\$200.00
Jefferson City VA Hospital	\$200.00
Lake City VA Hospital	\$200.00
Fisher House	\$400.00 (includes MBF's choice)
MCLA General Fund	\$200.00
Carolyn's Place	\$100.00
Freedom f/Youth Ministries	\$100.00
MCLA Operation Little Angel Program	\$200.00
Susan B. Anthony Project	\$200.00
Young Marines Program	\$100.00
Citizen's Against Domestic Violence	\$200.00

The Bible was re-opened and we moved on to the election and installation of the new officers for the 2010 year. Below is the slate of officers:

Big Flea – Inda Adams
Little Flea – Barbara Nobile
Scrappy Flea – Lois Payne
Police Flea – Colleen English
Waggy Flea – Rogene Hackbarth
Trusty Flea #1 – *****
Trusty Flea #3 – *****
Shopper Flea – Marie Williams

Medium Flea – Karen Washabaugh
Smart Flea – Janet Voltaggio
Holy Flea – Glenda Travis
Studios Flea – Patricia Engel
No Name Flea – Nancy Calleja
Trusty Flea #2 – *****
Scratchy Flea – Tracey Killinger

* Need your help in verifying who is in these offices. This time in the Scratch was very chaotic and too many things were going on! I'm just not sure about this... so I'm asking for your help. My email is in my signature block if you know this information. Thanking you in advance!

Actg BF Adams will be giving PMBF Alice Blackford her medallion. New Little Flea, Barbara Nobile lead all in the Flea Hymn. Glenda Travis, new Holy Flea closed the Bible and the Scratch was turned over to the New BF Inda Adams for the closing.

Before closing MBF Adams stated that the Flea of the year will be announced tomorrow at the Devil Dog and Devil Dog Flea luncheon. Theme for next year may be Pioneer Women (subject to change) we are still working on this. Maybe have a short get together at Mid Winter meeting in February.

Madam Big Flea, Inda Adams closed out scratch according to our ritual. The scratch was closed to reopen Wednesday morning, 11 August 2010 at the convention in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Semper Mordendi,

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P.S. Twila Gensel – Susquehanna Valley Unit, Department of Pennsylvania is the 2009 Flea of the Year, and yes she does have her Blue Tassel already...