

Region 17 Select Stallion Auction & Futurity Report October 2014

The committee members volunteered to work on the auction because of their love of the Arabian horse and a desire to encourage the breeding of Arabians for future generations to love. The last 2 years have started to dampen our enthusiasm however.

Several issues that are beyond our control have been identified. Among them:

- the slow economy in the US has resulted in a large number of well-bred horses being sold for a song which is hard to compete with, &
- the VS regulations have made it very difficult to attract American stallions.

We have also discussed what needs to be done to attract more popular stallions and sell the breedings that have been donated. Most importantly, we need to put more effort into marketing and promotion. We also need a few new volunteers with the time, dedication and necessary skills to help get the auction back on track. Gerald claims he does not have the skills we are looking for!

2014 Auction

Out of the 21 stallions nominated, 6 breedings were sold for a total of \$4100 so far. All but 1 sold for more than the minimum bid set by the stallion owner. The breedings that did not sell at the auction will be available for purchase until December 31st. These additional breeding fees plus the mare nominations will be added to the auction fund.

Futurity Classes

Performance Futurity Classes start in 2015 for foals resulting from the 2009 Auction! The total purse of \$10,051 will be given out entirely, whether 15 horses show or just 1. There are 8 possible classes: separate Purebred and Partbred classes in Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, and Sport Horse under Saddle (not split between Dressage and Hunter). In each class, 10% of the purse goes to the breeder of the champion.

The Halter Futurity classes in 2015 will be for foals resulting from the 2012 auction. The purse of \$5,675 will be split between whichever of the 4 classes have entries.

Most of the breeders of the eligible foals have been sent a Certificate of Enrolment and will also be sent a reminder in the spring to get the kids ready to show.

Auction Year	Nominated Stallions	Breedings Sold	Mares Nominated	Auction Fund *	Halter Year	Performance Year
2009	36	20	18	\$18,110	2012	2015
2010	36	17	14	\$9,520	2013	2016
2011	32	20	17	\$13,650	2014	2017
2012	34	18	15	\$12,610	2015	2018
2013	18	7		\$5,076 +	2016	2019
2014	21	6		\$4,100 +	2017	2019

* 90% of the Auction Fund is paid out, 10% is used for Administration & Promotion
+ Mare Nomination fees will be added to the Auction Fund