

Region 17 Select Stallion Auction & Futurity Report

September 2013

2013 Auction

This has been a disappointing year for the Select Stallion Auction and Futurity – fewer stallions were nominated for the Auction, not many sold and the Futurity classes did not attract any entries. There are many possible reasons: the negative press from last year’s highly publicized refund request, the sluggish economy, intermittent promotion efforts, conflicts between the Regional and the Breeders shows, polarization of the Region, or all of the above.

There were 18 stallions nominated to this year’s auction, and 5 were sold. One bidder defaulted on the payment, and another stallion breeding was sold this month. So far, a total of \$4,526 has been collected. The breedings that did not sell at the auction will be available for purchase until December 31st after which time the stallion owners may buy back their breeding in order to have a futurity entry. These additional breeding fees plus the mare nominations will be added to the auction fund.

2012 Auction

There were 18 breedings sold and \$11,110 collected for the 2012 auction. The Mare Nomination forms will be sent out October 1st. We are looking for up to 36 mares in foal and their nomination fees will be added to this auction fund.

2011 Auction

The total 2011 auction fund is \$13,650 with \$6,142.50 available for the yearling halter futurity classes to be held in 2014 at Stampede Park in Calgary.

2010 Auction

The 2016 performance futurity will have a total purse of \$8,568 which will be paid out in full.

2009 Auction

The 2015 performance futurity will have a total purse of \$10,051 which will be paid out in full.

The committee is determined to get everything back on track in 2014 and is currently working to enhance the program and attract greater participation. Renee Lupien-Smulan has rejoined the committee to work on promotion and stallion recruitment.

At this time of year, the auction committee reassesses the rules and procedures. All suggestions for improving the auction and futurity will be appreciated. Any new volunteers to work on the committee are also gladly welcomed.

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		\$11,110 +	2015	2018
2013	18	5		\$4,526 +	2016	2019

* 90% of the Auction Fund is paid out, 10% is used for Administration & Promotion