2017 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Futurity

April 2017 – The 2017 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Futurity took place at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, on March 30 & 31, 2017. It was a close competition that came down to the last division to determine the winner, Charleswood Breah emerged the Champion. The black Percheron filly owned and bred by Kent and Marnie Anderson & Sons was exhibited by Doug Hobman. The winner took home a cheque for $7,758 and a breeder’s award of $2,235. The winning filly was sired by Robinlawn’s Thunder Rumbles and out of Charleswood Karman.

The complete futurity placings are as follows:

- Charleswood Breah owned and bred by Kent & Marnie Anderson & Sons, exhibited by Doug Hobman.
- Lauricia Quincy owned and bred by Laurier Beaunoyer and exhibited by Brian Coleman.
- Wildwood HM Charmed owned by Grant & Kacee Gee, bred by Michael Hill and exhibited by Kacee Gee.
- Rose Hill Usher owned, bred and exhibited by Gord Ruzicka.
- Gardiner’s Vegas owned and exhibited by Tom Lane, bred by Rob & Karen Gardiner.
- Lone Oak 14 Rex owned by Jim Lane and Zephrin LaRiviere, bred by Jim Lane and exhibited by Zephrin LaRiviere.
- HFN Athena owned by Hobman Livestock Ltd, bred and exhibited by Doug Hobman.
- Creek Side Zana owned and exhibited by Brenda Hunter and bred by Tom Lane.
- SAH Betty owned by Shannon McArton, bred by Stacy Hobman and exhibited by Doug Hobman.
- Evergreen Acres Baxter owned by Gord and Fay Campbell, bred by R.D. Campbell and exhibited by Gord Campbell.

The winner of the Lady Driver Division was Kacee Gee, Virden, Manitoba.
The winner of the First-Time Driver Division was Zephrin LaRiviere.
The three judges for the event were Keith Conrad, St. Alphonse, Manitoba, Kyle Forsyth, Sunderland, Ontario, Aaron Frietag, New Carlisle, Indiana.

The 16th annual NAERIC Draft Horse Sale of yearlings was cancelled as the organizers took a conservative approach in response to an EHV-1 outbreak in Manitoba. Contingency was put in place for the sale and futurity to continue going forward.