



# JOCO BEEKEEPERS



A monthly newsletter brought to you by the  
**Johnston County Beekeepers Association**

*If it helps beekeeping, it is good for ALL beekeepers.*

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**Meeting information**  
**Third Monday each month 7:00 pm.**  
Johnston County Agricultural Center  
2736 NC 210 Hwy  
Smithfield, NC US 27577

### May Meeting Agenda

The May meeting will feature views of pesticide usage and its effects on honeybee populations.

### April Meeting 2016

We had 44 attendees. Membership and attendance has been increasing nearly every month since the first of the year. Our membership is up almost 50% from last year. Many of those are recent graduates of one of the bee schools. See a face you do not recognize, introduce yourself, make them welcome.

### Sunshine Club/Refreshments Committee

Thanks to all those members that bring refreshments to the meetings. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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## Notice for Local Pollinators

Beekeepers that are involved in providing pollination services may not be aware of some of the recent developments in the Johnston County area.

David Massengill has done research on a common cucumber seed used by Cates Pickles and Mt. Olive Pickles.

This seed is FarMore 1400. Notice the info in **RED**. As a registered pesticide applicator, one of the requirements is the ability to read and interpret pesticide labels. This seed, treated by these pesticides, are a significant threat to bees of all kinds. I have included selected parts of the label.

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**Storage:** Store away from food and feedstuffs. **Do not allow children, pets or livestock to have access to treated seed.**

**Environmental:** Treated seeds exposed on soil surface may be hazardous to wildlife.

**Planting Restrictions:** Forage may not be grazed until 30 days after planting.

**Groundwater Advisory:** Thiamethoxam has properties and characteristics associated with chemicals detected in groundwater.

**Pollinator Precautions:** Thiamethoxam is highly toxic to bees, and effects are possible as a result of exposure to translocated residues in blooming crops.

*TRANSLATION: Anything that the bees bring back from the plant is highly toxic to the bees, including pollen or nectar, but only when the crop is blooming.*

*Translocated is just chemco technobabble meaning moving from one point to another location... from the plant to the hive).*

## FarMore® F1400 Curcubits (*Cucumbers*)

FarMore® technology is an on-seed application of separately registered seed protection products and proprietary application technologies. This seed has been treated with thiamethoxam insecticide and mfenoxam, fludioxonil, and azoxystrobin fungicides.

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David Massengill presented this information about the toxic effect of these seeds on honeybees to Rick Coor, President of the NCSBA. According to David, he made a comment that the NCSBA didn't want to go down that road. He didn't want to publish anything on the neonicotinoids.

Neonicotinoids have been proven to have detrimental effects on honeybees and other native pollinators, and a primary concern to beekeepers that provide pollination services.

## Pig Pickin at Livestock Center

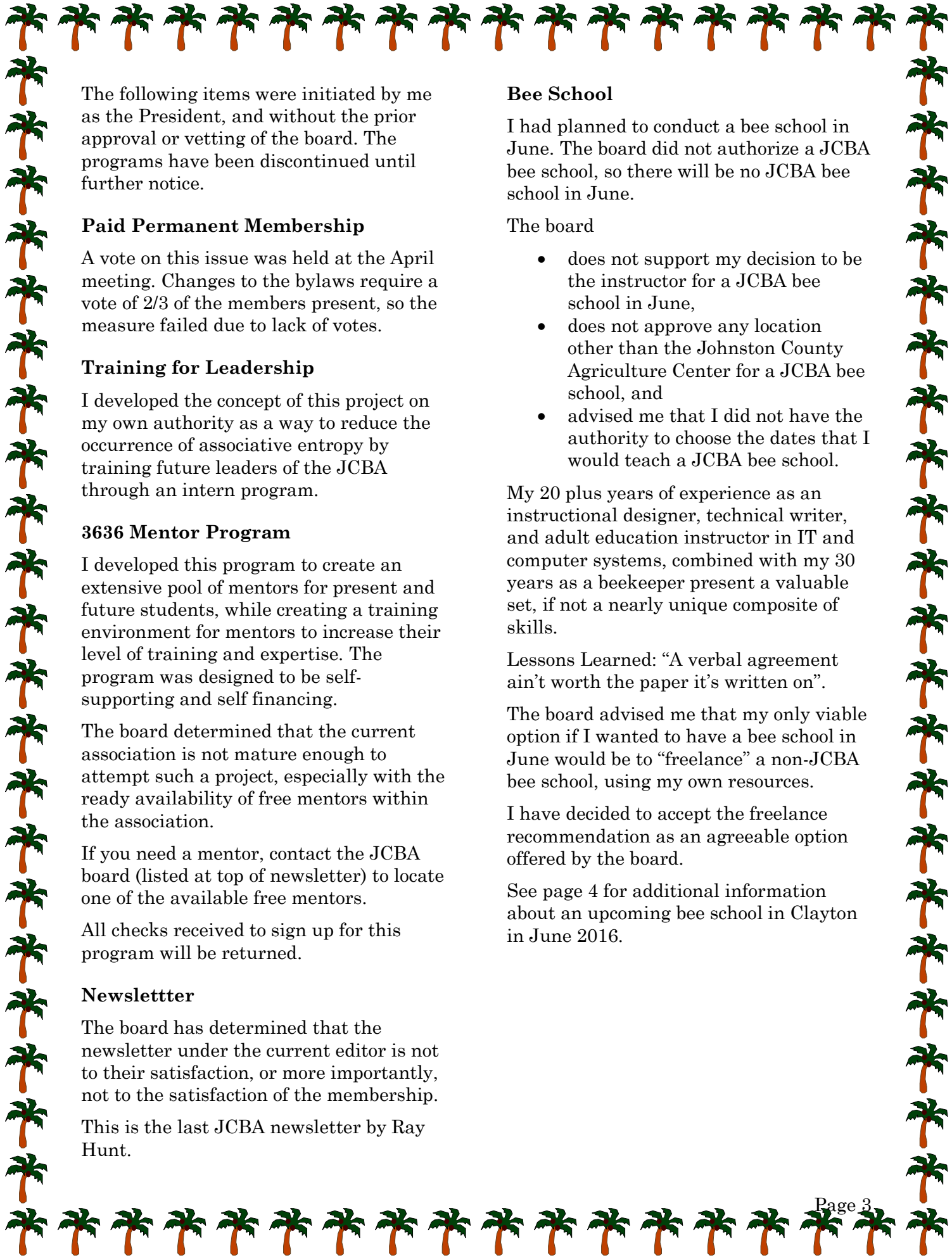
The JCBA board has selected July 17, 2016 as the date of our first annual association pig pickin'. The event will be at the Livestock Arena. The association will furnish the pork and chicken, and the members should bring a covered dish, dessert, or assorted refreshments.

David Massengill will be the coordinator and point of contact for this event.

## Message from the President

As President of the JCBA, I tried to implement several programs and changes to the JCBA this year that I believed could be a significant value for the association.

I apologize to the membership for not following the guidelines of the bylaws and failing to get the prior approval of the board before announcing these programs.



The following items were initiated by me as the President, and without the prior approval or vetting of the board. The programs have been discontinued until further notice.

### **Paid Permanent Membership**

A vote on this issue was held at the April meeting. Changes to the bylaws require a vote of 2/3 of the members present, so the measure failed due to lack of votes.

### **Training for Leadership**

I developed the concept of this project on my own authority as a way to reduce the occurrence of associative entropy by training future leaders of the JCBA through an intern program.

### **3636 Mentor Program**

I developed this program to create an extensive pool of mentors for present and future students, while creating a training environment for mentors to increase their level of training and expertise. The program was designed to be self-supporting and self financing.

The board determined that the current association is not mature enough to attempt such a project, especially with the ready availability of free mentors within the association.

If you need a mentor, contact the JCBA board (listed at top of newsletter) to locate one of the available free mentors.

All checks received to sign up for this program will be returned.

### **Newsletter**

The board has determined that the newsletter under the current editor is not to their satisfaction, or more importantly, not to the satisfaction of the membership.

This is the last JCBA newsletter by Ray Hunt.

### **Bee School**

I had planned to conduct a bee school in June. The board did not authorize a JCBA bee school, so there will be no JCBA bee school in June.

The board

- does not support my decision to be the instructor for a JCBA bee school in June,
- does not approve any location other than the Johnston County Agriculture Center for a JCBA bee school, and
- advised me that I did not have the authority to choose the dates that I would teach a JCBA bee school.

My 20 plus years of experience as an instructional designer, technical writer, and adult education instructor in IT and computer systems, combined with my 30 years as a beekeeper present a valuable set, if not a nearly unique composite of skills.

Lessons Learned: “A verbal agreement ain’t worth the paper it’s written on”.

The board advised me that my only viable option if I wanted to have a bee school in June would be to “freelance” a non-JCBA bee school, using my own resources.

I have decided to accept the freelance recommendation as an agreeable option offered by the board.

See page 4 for additional information about an upcoming bee school in Clayton in June 2016.



## Bee Related Businesses

### Bailey Bee Supply

147 Boone Square Street, Hillsborough  
919-241-4236

**Business or Services Provided:** Full range retail beekeeper's supplies.

**Terms of Payment:** Cash, Credit, Debit Card, or Check. We accept VISA, M/C, Amex, and Discover.

### D&R Bee Farm David Massengill

672 Go Cart Rd, Four Oaks

919-820-0319 [machevy1@aol.com](mailto:machevy1@aol.com)

Nucs, Packages, Queen Bees, Custom Built Bee Hive Parts

**Terms:** Cash, Check

**Discount:** 10% to members

Beginner Bee School in Clayton, NC

June 11, 18, 25: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Email [jacobee@earthlink.net](mailto:jacobee@earthlink.net) for registration forms.

**Mission Statement:** My vision and mission is to provide quality training for beekeepers.

*When no value is placed on a service, then that service has no value. R. Hunt*

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## Non Bee Related Businesses

### Donald & Doris Kidd

265 Garner Road, Selma  
Elephant Garlic Growers  
and Market Farmers

In season prices March-  
November

**Terms of Payment:** Cash  
Discount: 10% for members

Farmer retains right to  
limit quantities

### Todd Tingler, AIA

64 Kyle Drive, Garner 919.418.5620

Architectural Design, Residential Design, Interior Design,  
Renovation Design

Services are unique and can be provided hourly or as a  
percentage of the Project with or without a guaranteed  
maximum

**Terms of Payment:** Cash, Check or services

**Discount:** Yes, negotiated for members

Services limited to small projects

Design and construction documents are prepared  
electronically